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Editor Henry A. Smith Tells S. F. Arrival Pres. McKay's Party

Among the welcoming Church members at the S.F. Airport Monday, February 14, to greet Pres. and Mrs. McKay and Pres. Murdock on their arival from Honolulu was the editor of the Church News, Henry A. Smith. Elder Smith usually accompanies the President on his visits and writes accounts of them for the Deseret Daiy News.

We present below Editor Smith's report of the welome extended to Pres. McKay in San Francisco as that report appeared in the daily Deseret News of Tuesday, February 15. Note the reference to a future temple construction in the South Pacific:

President McKay and his party flew home from San Francisco where they arrived back in the Continental United States Monday at 10:30 p.m.

As their Pan-American Airlines clipper touched down at the airport in San Francisco, bringing the Church leader safely back home, a large group of Bay Area Latter-day Saints sang "We Thank Thee O God for a Phophet."

The unexpected greeting was overwhelming to both President and Mrs. McKay. With them also was President Franklin J. Murdock of the Highland Stake, who has served as the president's traveling secretary.

"We have had many wonderful and impressive greetings and farewells everywhere we have gone," President McKay said. "But of all the expressions of good brotherhood this is the cimax. It is overwhelming and we express our

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PART OF THE GREETING GROUP OF LOCAL STAKE AND MISSION PRESIDENTS and their wives, and other Bay Area saints on the arrival of President David O. McKay, Mrs. McKay, and President Murdock, traveling secretary, at the San Francisco airport, Monday, February 14, 1955 at 10:30 p. m.

Grouped closely about the smiling white-haired president and Mrs. McKay are seen many well-known local faces including President and Mrs. Thomas W. Gardner of the Northern California Mission, Presidents Harmon, Ranker, and Rock of Berkeley Stake presidency, Presidents Serge Lauper and Wallace N. Allred of the San Francisco Stake presidency, Presidents John L. Murdock and Bryant S. Knowlton and thir wives of the Santa Rosa Stake presidency, Mrs. LaVerne Rocvk, R. Whitney Groo, Bishop and Mrs. Thomas J. Curtis of San Bruno Ward, Mrs. B. Herman Schettler, Mrs. Edward A. (Marjorie) Pyle, to mention only a few.—Photo by Pyle Photography, Berkeley.

This March Messenger

is dedicated to the Relief Society of the Church

On the 113th anniversary, March 17, of the founding of the Society, March 17, 1842 in Nauvoo, Illinois by the Prophet Joseph Smith. The first Women's organization in the world devoted both to charitable work and to selfculture, and the oldest continuous women's society on record.

Annual Report Shows Heartblood R. S. Work Compassionate Service

"The heartblood of Relief Society is not its cultural and homemaking activities, vital as they are to better home life and richer living.

"The lifeblood of Relief Society is the solicitous, loving action which flows from the individual member to a person in distress, either material of spiritual distress.

"And these individual streams of mercy, concentrated, bring life to the whole body of Relief Society encircling the globe."—Pres. Marianne C. Sharp(, First Counselor Gen. Relief Society Board, March 1954.

Compassionate Services

A fair picture of the heartblood stream of compassionate services performed but little heard of is portrayed in the last annual report of the Relief Society issued July 1954. Let the cold figures here quoted be vivified by a fervent spirit and participating imagination:

Visits to sick and homebound	217,806
Days care of the sick	23,738
No. bodies prepared for buriel	716
No. funerals R.S. assisting	6,598
No. visits directed by bishop	6,628
No. subsequent visits	19,438
No. wards, branches listing nurses	3,275

Women's Clubs Began Late in the 1860'c Relief Society 1842

In the Bay Area women's clubs are active in all the major cities. It is interesting to read and compare their program with the LDS Relief Society activities. Women's clubs in America began to organize themselves on the community level after the Civil War in the late 1860's. The Relief Society of the Church antedates all these other national or local women's organizations which are still functioning today. It dates from 1842.

The leisure time necessary for the formation and functioning of women's clubs came as a result of the invasion of home industries by such labor saving devices as the sewing machine, knitting machine, the carder, the spooler, the spinning jenny and the loom driven by motive power within the walls of great factories. Likewise came the candle maker, the cannery, the ready made clothier, the steam laundry, the butcher, the baker, the tailor and a thousand other industries.

Clubs Formed After Civil War

The time was ripe for the movement which is now known as the "Woman's Club." First these organizations, beginning after the Civil war, in the later part of the 1860's, took the form of local study clubs often called "literary clubs." These early clubs meant first of all a fellowship, a community of interests, and an opportunity for enlarged mental activity; a school, a mutual improvement society.

By 1879 one of these clubs, the Sorosis club of New York, began to discuss broadening its program to include such interests as public education, and reformatory schools, hygenic and sanitary reforms, female labor, domestic economy and dishonesty in public life.

This same club, on its twenty-

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The Relief Society Oldest Organization Of Women Function'g

The Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized March 17, 1842, in Nauvoo, Illinois by Joseph Smith the Prophet,John Taylor and others being present. It is the oldest women's organization in the world that has persisted to this day, it is declared.

The Prophet stated "the purpose of the society is to furnish the sisters of the Church an organization through which they may actively faster the welfare of the members." The duty of the society was stated to be "to aid the poor, nurse the sick and afflicted, and in a general way, under the guidance and direction of all those requiring assistance.

"Do not injure the characted of anyone. If members of the society shall conduct themselves improperly, deal with them, but keep all thy doings within your own bosom and hold all character sacred," said the Prophet to the sisters.

"It is also their duty to assist in seeing that there is no iniquity in the Church."

"This was the first organization of women in the world, so far as history records", declared Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Twelve, Sept. 30, 1853.

San Francisco Stake Conference

Sat., Sun., March 19, 20

Sat. 6:30 p.m. Missionary Meeting.
8:00 p.m. Priesthood-Leadership Meeting.
Sun. 10 a.m. General Session.
2 p.m. General Sesssion.
7 p.m. MIA Session.

Pres. and Mrs. David O. McKay Met at San Francisco Airport By Local Presidencies and Wives

President David O. McKay and Mrs. McKay and Pres. Franklin L. Murdock, president of Highland Stake and acting secretary to the President, were greeted at the great San Francisco airport Monday, February 14, at 10:30 p.m. by a group of 40 to 50 local church officials and their wives.

Included in the welcoming party were Pres. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner of the Northern California Mission, Pres. and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper of S.F. Stake, his counselors, Wilford B. Murray and Wallace N. Allred, and their wives; Pres. Delbert F. Wright of Oakland Stake and his counselors, Elmo R. Smith and Milton P. Ream and their wives; Pres. John L. Murdock and Mrs. Murdock of Santa Rosa Stake and his counselors, Thomas C. Byrne and Bryant S. Knowlton and their wives; Pres. W. Glenn Harmon and Mrs. Harmon of Berkeley Stake, and his counselors Emery R. Ranker and Delbert H. Rock, and their wives; Pres. Vernard Beckstrand of San Jose Stake and his counselors; B. Hermann Schettler, clerk of S. F. Stake and Mrs. Schettler; Clyde W. Lindsay, until recently president of Livermore Branch; Edward A. Pyle, Messenger photographer, and Mrs. Pyle; Isaac B. Ball, Messenger editor and Berkeley Stake patriarch; Bishop and Mrs. T. J. Curtis and son of San Bruno Ward; and his counselor Whitney Grew and several other officials.

With photo light bulbs flashing the President and his party stood on the airplane ramp waving hands while the receiving group of local saints sang the first verse

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Local LDS Ladies Pay High Tribute Mrs. David O. McKay

By Marjorie Pyle

The meeting with Sister McKay at the San Francisco airport Monday, February 14, was another of those rare and delightful occasions when we enjoy close personal contact with our inspired leaders.

She emenates a calm serenity and good-humored graciousness. To be around her arouses within one a desire to strive harder to reach the standard of perfection she has attained. The affection one feels existing between Brother McKay and herself is beautiful to experience. She gives us a wonderful example of how Latter-day Saint wives may give quiet support and strength to their husbands in the positions they are called to fulfill.

A very lovely compliment was paid Sister McKay by Wanda Harman: "I had a feeling I was meeting my own mother. Sister McKay is so charming, gracious and patient. She is a good mother for the Church."

Children will always be precious to the heart of Sister McKay. She was overheard to remark: "Oh, the dear little babies in the islands with their big, black eyes."

Sister LaVerne Rock, after meeting Sister McKay, said: "How poised and gracious and charming she is."

All of us indeed felt with us, as we left the airport, the blessing of goodness which this lovely lady had brought to us.

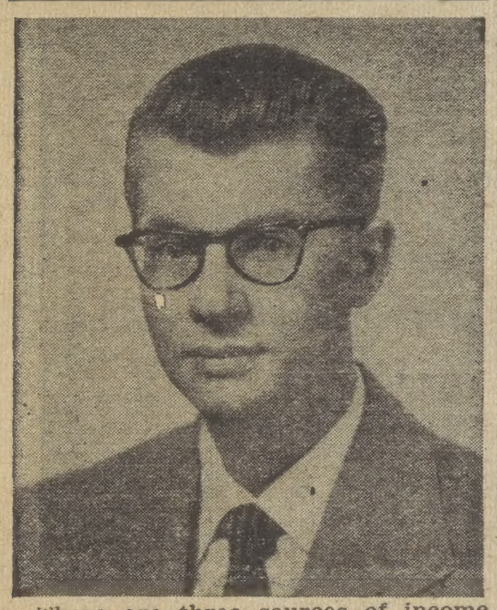
OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake R. S. Stress Better Lesson Preparation, Visiting

Mrs. Della Swenson, president of the Oakland Stake Relief Society Board stated in an interview for the Messenger that the emphasis in that stake's Relief Society program for the year 1955 is being placed on more effective lesson preparation and visiting teaching. "Still", she added, "Compassionate services and the welfare program consume more time and effort for the executive officers.

"Each ward has a welfare project going on at all times, though they are given a free hand in planning these activities," explained Pres. Swenson, "and they do very well in carrying out various kinds of arts and crafts, self-improvement activities, and enjoy a social hour each week. The stake R.S. has a trouser project each year."

"Our ward societies are fully staffed at present", said Sister Swenson. "We follow the outlined programs rather closely. The societies aim to bring about a close bond of friendship.



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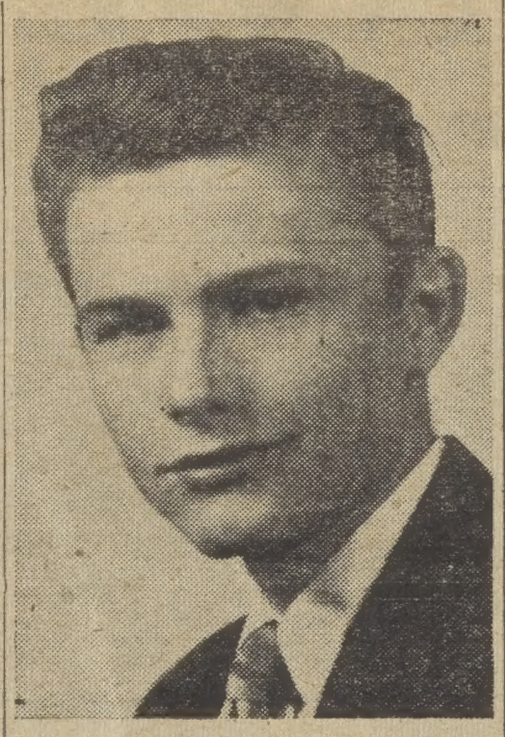

JOSEPH HELLER ALLEN

Joseph Hilton Allen, son of Arden and Hazel Hilton Allen, Oakland Third Ward, will be home from BYU to receive a farewell testimonial March 20 in the ward chapel prior to his departure for the Finnish Mission. He has spent two years at the "Y", besides two years in the Army.

He will enter the Mission Home March 23 and sail from New York April 13.

Oakland Third

Primary to Complete $500 Assingment Ward Building Fund

The Third Ward Primary has set up a very active program to complete their promised five hundred dollars, for the ward building fund.

For this purpose the selling of home-made cookies, candy, hand-crocheted articles, and home-cooked luncheons and potluck suppers have netted very satisfactory. The project of making one-dollar bills accumulate as many more as possible, and also their traveling food-basket have been wonderful and unique ideas.

Hospital Penny Fund

Brother James Wright, who is now recuperating from a very serious illness, made and donated to the Primary, a "Penny-Chime Bank", for the hospital penny fund drive. It will receive recognition this coming Sunday at the ward Sacrament meetings. Phillip Shirtleff has been placed in charge of the care of the chime-bank.

The Guide-Scouts have an exciting and busy summer program planned for 1955.

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Oakland Stake

Gary Powell Honored Local Representative "California Club"

By Mildred Fontano

The Alameda Times Star printed the interesting news that Gary Powell, son of Jack and Lorene Everett Powell has been appointed by President Robert Gordan Sproul of U. C. to be a member of the "California Club", which met February 3 at UCLA to formulate ideas for greater unification between the eight campuses of the University of California.

Illness

We are all pleased that our very kind and able caretaker of the Welfare Center—Brother LaMaun Clark is recovering. He had a serious heart ailment but is home from the hospital and better.

Lannie Compton who has been on crutches one year following a motorcycle accident was in a recent automobile collision and is in the hospital again.

Lila Graham on the even of her departure for a year's sight-seeing with her husband, A. B., of the world, took very ill and has been in the Merritt Hospital. She is out of danger and doing nicely.

Congratulations to Vernon Jones, son of Amelia Everett upon completion of the prescribed course at the Chiropractic College of Oakand and passing the State examination in Los Angeles to become a full fledged Chiropractor.

Feb. 28 the Oakland Stake sewing project will begin under the direction of Pearl Mienie.

Albert Allen Miller and Ada Smith Miller, husband and wife in the Oakland 3rd Ward, passed away within one month, on Jan. 15 and Albert Dec. 23. Interment was in the National Cemetery at San Bruno as Albert was a World War I veteran. Ada has worked in the presidency of the Relief Society. Ileen Miller Hanbrock and daughter Liza Ann are the only survivors.

The Alameda County DUP will be the hostesses to the Northern California District DUP convention to be held in Alameda chapel, corner of Grand and Encinal, March 25. Kate B. Carter will represent the central committee. All DUP members and visitors are invited 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A lovely luncheon will be served at noon.

We are thankful to hear that Sister Rachel Ball, our editor's wife is much improved and up and around.

Stake Genealogical Society held the nicest dinner, Feb. 10 at Oakland 2nd chapel. A large crowd and enjoyable time. The High Priests entertained their wives at a party in San Leandro chapel the week of Feb. 4th.

Oakland Stake

THE JOY, BLESSINGS AND THRILLS OF SERVICE IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM CONFESSED AT STAKE CONFERENCE

THE JOY, BLESSINGS AND THR

By Dale Roe

The joy of service to the Lord, the blessings of work, and the thrill of putting the things of the Kingdom of God before material things, were themes of the Oakland Stake quarterly conference Sunday morning and afternoon at the Shrine temple, February 21, as speakers reported on welfare and building programs and service in auxiliary programs. Oakland stake President Delbert F. Wright presided.

Members of the adult Aaronic priesthood, and wives, and friends were provided a special Saturday evening in Oakland ward chapel to open the conference. Oakland Stake's music festival, presented by the MIA closed the sessions on Sunday evening.

Music for the Sunday sessions was provided by a choir composed of selected members from the Oakland third, Oakland fifth and San Leandro wards, under the direction of Estrella Olsowka.

Sisters Donna Carter and Billie Joyce Milliron were organist and pianist.

President Ream

Milton P. Ream, second counselor in the stake presidency, set the theme for the sessions when he opened the morning meeting before an overflow crowd.

Pointing to the importance of serving the Lord with all our heart, might, mind and soul, and a singleness of purpose, he showed that we come into life and leave it without material possessions. Food, raiment, and the good things of life, he said, are given to us to use in judgment.

Trieste Hall, of the Stake Young Women's presidency, showed how leadership is built in the MIA and threw a challenge to parents and leaders to "entice" young people to "spiritual recreation."

Rita Blackburn

Rita Blackburn of Alameda ward in her report covering her South African mission told of the thrill of President McKay's visit here.

Bishop Curtis R. Bybee of the Oakland Fourth ward spoke of the "sweet spirit" of Saturday night's session and also reported on the ward building program. The building will represent a cost, when completed, of $219,000 including the lot. Already put into the building are 11,000 hours of labor, and $80-000. The building is now roofed, and will seat 340 in the chapel, has a large recreation hall and will have 20 class rooms. Bishop Bybee commended other ward workers for helping with the labor and the contributions.

William A. Stewart, Oakland stake clerk, expressed thanks for belonging to an organization of opportunity and responsibility and discussed the fact that growth comes according to how we accept our responsibilities. Examples he used: warn neighbors, teach the principles of the Gospel, seek knowledge by study and by faith, work in all organizations as called upon.

President Harmon

Berkeley Stake President W. Glenn Harmon, closing the morning session used as examples of putting the Lord's work first, building and welfare programs, welfare farm, and our projected inter-stake recreation center on Temple hill.

Elmo R. Smith, counselor to President Wright, first speaker in the afternoon session, pictured Washington and Lincoln as men of great integrity, and traced their living of the ten commandments. He urged members to pay particular attention to the commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Covet."

Melving G. Hart, of the Oakland Stake high council, spoke of the need for "spiritual vitamins" and the fact that Satan is an adversary, constantly nibbling away at us, In spite of the fad for "do it yourself," he pointed out, "we cannot rely on ourselves alone" but need to call on "specialists," Eisenhower sought help through prayer before D-day. Unless we build our life with the Saviour's plan, we are likely to build like the queer Winchester house, he warned.

Della Swenson

Della Swenson, president of the Oakland stake Relief Society, pointed out that we learn to love the things to which we render service.

Grant Hawkins, counselor in the Stake MIA superintendency, stressed the importance of firm foundations, the need for welfare plan support, and emphasized that each of us must ask, "where do we place the Gospel in our love?"

Rufus O. Phelps of the Stake high council, recalling his report two years ago of his mission, used his recent trip to Mexico to illustrate that we never cease to be missionaries.

President Wright ably brought the afternoon session to a close with his report of progress in the

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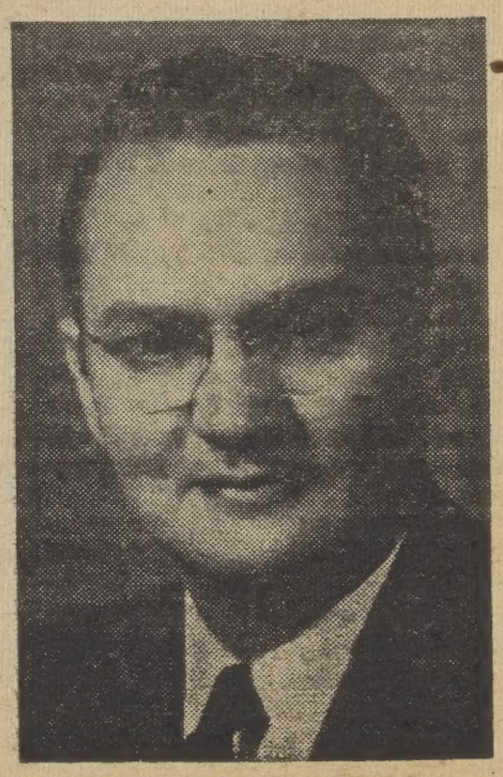

OAKLAND STAKE

Centerville Ward

Building Fund Dinner Scheduled for March

By Bernice Wilson

A dinner for the benefit of the Centerville ward building fund, sponsored by the Senior Aaronic Priesthood, has been set for March 25.

Bishop and Mrs. Winkel recently went to Salt Lake to check with the church officials on finances and plans for the new chapel.

The houses on the church property are nearing completion and are for sale. Anyone interested in these beautiful new homes should contact Bishop Winkel.

Centerville now has available a complete library of church books. For purchase see the bishop.

Centerville Ward's first big Gold and Green Ball Saturday, March 5, will be held in the Country Club.

The MIA, under the able direction of Rose Winkel, put on the one-act play, "Opened by Mistake". In the cast were Pearl Ann Nunes, Darlene Wilson, Marlene Maughan, Elva Jean Uncapher, Dennis Moffat, Bob Hunt and La Mar Mosier. A valentine dance was held after the play.

The Singing Mothers will present special songs for the Relief Society program, Sunday, March 6.

Sister Marie Lindsay is our chorister and Sister Donna Baker, our pianist, both greatly appreciated.

The Relief Society's birthday will be celebrated this year, March 16, at the Country Club in the form of a dinner, program and dancing, all in Irish mood. All married women and their husbands are invited to attend.

We are having a rummage sale in May to boost our building fund, sponsored by the Relief Society. Old furniture, clothing, white elephants or anything you wish to donate will be called for.

February 9, Primary officers and teachers entertained approximately 70 children at a Valentine party at the country club.

Sister Helen Allen and children, Judy and Jerry visited in Provo, Utah, two weeks.

Alameda Ward

Mrs. Pocock Wins High Honor In Nurse Class

By Amelia Everett

Ralph E. Lane was sent by the government to Industrial Relations school at the Pentagon, Washington D.C..

Dallas (Mrs. Rodney) Pocock received an engraved nursing pin and special gold seal on her diploma for leading her class with grades above 95 and a perfect attendance during the year.

Baby Blessed: Anneta Jean Shulke . . . Confirmed: Donald Glenn Bliss, Thomas Leong and Kathleen Bosworth . . . Duane Hunt and Dick Stam made elders . . . Carol Fox sustained as Primary organist . . . Bruce and Leah Morgan and little Nanvy of Nevada visited the Fontainos . . . Edna Burke's husband is better and her mother is home from the hospital.

Moving Day

Alice Moore and son Allen Peterson have moved to Walnut Creek. Clare and Norma Hunt and family are moving away . . Frank and Agusta Day are moving east. Brother Huse has gone to Alaska to work.

Dr. Bosworth and LaRue and daughters are going to New Port for six weeks.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers met at the home of our new County President, Mildred Fontano, Feb. 16.

The Explorer Troop and Scout Troop have been to Lane's Cabin at Twain Harte to play in the snow. They also went to Columbia to see the old mining places.

Cub Scouts had a splendid potluck dinner.

Oakland Fifth

Aaronic Boys Win Priesthood Cup Hono Priesthood Honor

Because they placed highest in the Oakland stake contest for the fourth quarter, for Aaronic Priesthood young men and their leaders, of Oakland Fifth ward were presented permanent possession of the stake trophy for leadership at Sunday morning's session of the state quarterly conference, Feb. 20.

In awarding the trophy to the Oakland Fifth ward, Eugene S. Hilton of the stake high council, and chairman of the stake Aaronic Priesthood-under-21 committee announced that half of the enrolled boys in the stake have qualified for individual awards which is Oakland stake's best showing.

The trophy was presented to Bishop Paul E. Warnick.

Berkeley Stake

Relief Society Heads, Husbands Entertain At Ranker Home

President Ranker and Sister Ranker were hosts to all of the stake relief Society presidents, councilors, secretarys and their husbands, Thursday, February 24. The party was given to honor the husbands of the Relief Society officers and to make it possible for all the stake officers to get better acquainted.

Nine new seventies were set apart at the February quarterly conference by Elder Mark E. Peterson of the Council of Twelve: Aaron Card, H. Wilson Johnson, and Stanley Peterson, Sr., from Concord Ward; Ned Clyde, Reese Burton, Weston Segmiller, Charles Shaw, Samuel Holmes, and Zendel Hale, from the Berkeley 1st and 2nd Wards.

Valentine Party

A Velentine party for all Berkeley Stake Homebuilders and their mothers was given Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Berkeley chapel with Bessie Braby, general chairman, assisted by the stake officers in charge of Homebuilding work: Grace Clark, Mona McClurg, and Margaret Ahlborn. Each girl received a ceramic figurine repreSeenting some phase of Homebuilding, all made by Bessie Braby.

At a Sunday School general convention Sunday, January 23, the officers and teachers of Berkeley Stake Sunday Schools received a spiritual uplift from Richard E. Folland of the general board. The 21 members of the stake are very enthusiastic about their work and hope to put a three point program into effect in 1955: a library, a teacher training class and an enlistment program in every ward in the stake.

Clyde J. Summerhays Announces Top Thirty Beneficial Leaders

Clyde J. Summerhays, vice president and director of agencies of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company of Salt Lake City, Utah announces that the following six agents of the Charles J. Taylor agency are listed among the top thirty Beneficial leaders for 1954. Harold J. Hickenloopers, CLU, of San Francisco occupies seventh position, Lester J. Swayze, Pleasant Hill, sixteenth, Don C. Wood, CLU, Berkeley, seventeenth, H. Melvin Rollins, Santa Rosa, twenty-first; Marion D. Redford, Oakland, twenty-fourth; and Horace J. Ritchie, San Francisco, twenty-fifth. This is the largest representation of any one agency in the company among the top producers.

Headquarters of the Charles J. Taylor Agency are located at 605 California Building, Oakland 12, California.

MIA

Festival of Music By Mixed Chorus Outstanding Success By Stake MIA

An outstanding festival of music was presented Sunday evening, February 19 at the Oakland Ward chapel by a mixed chorus of approximately 125 voices under the direction of Sister Erva Wilson of the Oakland Stake M. I. A. Helen Houston and Pearl Bliss were at the organ and piano respectively.

Verna Jackson, president of the Young Ladies MIA, commentated on the theme "Sing Unto The Lord," pointing out the importance and value of music in our lives.

Special numbers were presented on the flute by Earl Milliron, The marimba was expertly played by Marcenne Swiegert, duo piano by Robert and David Wimmer, vocal solos Russell Heath and Marilyn Packer.

Three LDS hymns were rendered by the mixed chorus and the anthems "If With All Your Heart," "Cherubim Song No. 7," "Oh, Lord Most Holy" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

It was a very inspiring evening to set off the beautiful quarterly conference that was held at the Scottish Rites Auditorium:

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Camp Institute To Be Held

The second annual inter-stake camp training institute will be held in the Claremont Ward in Berkeley Stake April 15th and 16. Stake leaders and committees will meet on Friday night at 7:30 pm. All ward and stake young officers are invited to attend all day Saturday from 8:30 a. m. Work shops in drama, fun with music, games, story telling, camp craft, safety, handicraft, outdoor cooking will be demonstrated under expert leadership.

Girls interested in becoming camp leaders are especially invited

An all-girls volley ball tournament in Oakland stake is being held every Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at Hayward Ward chapel.

Oakland Stake

Golden Gleaners Elect New Officers

The 1955 officers for the Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners were elected on January 27th at the meeting held in the home of Lola Payne, and were as follows: Oral Grow (Oakland Ward), president; Maurine McKinley (San Lorenzo), vice president; Lee Ashby (fourth ward), secretary and treasurer; Eva Schleich (Oakland ward), chairman, with Vivian Cicolaysen and Ruth Thomas (San Leandro ward) as members of the program committee; Jane Lauper (Fourth Ward), historian and reporter; Estherella Olszowska (Oakland Ward), choral director.

The outgoing officers: Ruth Wilson, Marjorie Hawkins, Ruth Bigler, VerNell LeCheminant, Shirley Troub, and Violet Fontano, were givn a vote of thanks.

Graldine Goettling of Hayward Ward received her Golden Gleaner certificate and pin in January and this night was welcomed into the Stake Golden Gleaner organization.

As an introduction to Geraldine, each Golden Gleaner was asked to tell what she was doing in her ward or stake to further the Lord's work. Each one is busy.

After the ball game there are other games and dancing. Come out and help root for your favorite team.

New members YMMIA board: William B. Schow, secretary; Louis Leinbach, assistant Scout leader; Melva Rainey was sustained director of publicity for the board.

Messenger Slogan

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Balboa Ward

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By Gideon E. Marquardt

Bishops Message:

Our reading has introduced us to a wise old man. May we pass on to you the inspirational thought he gave to us:

"You will never have a greater or lesser dominion than that over yourself".

Truly this should be made our watchword. Latter-day Saints must, without fail, prove to their God that they are the rulers of their own souls; else how can they expect to be worthy of the help of God in teaching salvation to others?

In our lives and preaching we must be firm and steadfast to this ideal of self-mastery; it is the foundation of the Gospel theme; real glory springs from the conquest of self.

God cannot tolerate in his Kingdom, a man who makes no effort to become king in his own temple of flesh.

The salvation of man is dependent on his living by the word of God and attaining self-mastery. "Who then is free"? The wise man who can govern himself.

—Bishop Willard B. Barton

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February 6th, 1955, Major General William F. Dean spoke to one of the largest audiences in our chapel. His talk was inspiring. He gave his autograph to many a youngster to cherish.

We are proud of the improvement of our ward teaching: in January 1955 we had 50 percent of our members visited. Keep up the good work; let's make it 100 percent. Thanks again brethren. Fast Sunday, February 6th, 1955, we were very happy to have six children blessed and also eight new members confirmed. Welcome to the new members and may they grow in faith in the gospel.

One of your young couples was married Friday, February 18th by Bishop Willard B. Barton: Barbara Sabin and Preston C. Hoarsley. Acting as the best man was Rich Hoarsley and the matron of honor was Carol Redford. Also, Tove Sondergaard and Richard Maurer were married February 14th 1955 in the Salt Lake Temple. The best of wishes from their many friends in the Ward.

Our Sunday evening services, March 6, will be under the direction of the Relief Society, a special anniversary program.

The Primary have worked hard on the drive for the Childrens' Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The 3rd quorom of elders under the direction of Reid Lundstrom are hard on work on the new Stake directory. They hope to have it finished by the middle of March.

It makes no difference, young or old ,as long as you are over 12) each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. sharp the feeling should be Mutual.

On March 24th 1955 Balboa Ward will have a movie night for the benefit of our building fund. We invite you and all your friends to come, donations will be welcome.

The Joy, Blessing and Thrills of Service In The Lord's Kingdom

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Hayward Ward

Ann Livingston Given Large Farewell Party As She Leaves Ward

By Cathy Gordin

Sister Ann Livingston has moved from our ward after twenty years of active membership here. She is known and loved for he friendliness and cheerful nature.

She was given a farewell party by Sisters Hertha Tanner, Jenny Perry and Bertha LePray at the home of Sister Tanner and presented a lovely leather briefcase, and a tablecloth signed by all who attended.

Hayward Ward was host for the weekly volleyball game in competition with Maxwell Park, Feb. 19th.

The mission of Brother Charles Maurer to the Southern California field has been postponed for six months.

There will be a series of eight lectures in a genealogical training course to be held in Oakland 3rd Ward beginning March 7th. Price of admission will be two copies of a pedigree chart partially or completely filled out to be used as guides for instructional purposes. This is a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with the ways and means of this work.

San Leandro

Welfare Assignment Is Completed Here

Through the untiring efforts of our brethren, our welfare assignment has been completed.

Our ward birthday party was a huge success! Thanks to everyone.

March 8, the Relief Society will celebrate their birthday in a luncheon and program.

At a recent ward preparation meeting, Sister Alice Bauer was honored by officers and teachers, for 15 years of faithful service as a primary worker.

Den Four, Cub Scouts, Richard Haycock, Bobby D'Arcy, Louis Scofield, Dennis Nelson, Rodney Jackson, Johnny Berger and Tony Bozich Jr., visited Sacramento via train. After lunch, enjoyed on the lawn of the state capitol, a tour was made of the building; then of Sutter's Fort. The boys were accompanied by Mrs. Lorraine Haycock and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berger.

Playground equipment will soon be installed in the play area at the rear of our chapel. The MIA is supervising this project.

Sister Kathy Swan and Merlin Hathaway are newly - sustained members of the Sunday school faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mauvis recently moved to San Leandro. Graduated from the U. C. in January, John is entering business in our city. Mrs. Mauvis is the daughter of Bishop and Sherline Webster.

Eight Stake MIA Institute Calls For Full Attendance March 12 Priesthood Delegates and MIA

Oakland Stake will be hosts to an eight stake General Board Institute to be held in the Hayward chapel on March 12 at 7:30 p. m., Saturday evening. Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Sacramento and South Sacramento stakes will be in attendance.

Those invited to be in attendance are the stake boards, high council advisors, stake presidencies in charge of MIA, bishoprics in charge of the MIA.

There will be 17 members of the General board present. It is important that the designated priesthood members be in attendance.

During the class sessions a complete written roll will be taken so the General Board will know exactly who was present in each department. If it is impossible to have your particular class leader in attendance please designate someone from the ward to cover your class in order to take the information to your next leadership meeting. It is important that every phase of the MIA be covered by some capable stake leader or a substitute.

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Reflections

Vinal G. Mauss

PART OF A SYMPHONY

We have listened to the stirring melody of a symphony; deep vibrant notes of the cello, haunting sounds of the big base violin, the tender pleading of the violin and the whisper of the piccolo. We have sat entranced, wondering how so many instruments could blend into such a beautiful musical picture. That picture was made from many related parts, each of which were fit into a plan, then rehearsed over and over to perfection.

Each of us are building a symphony. We must realize the importance of the little things; of everyday acts, sharing our joy with others, helping one who needs us, keeping our spirits bright and cheerful, giving faith to those who may be discouraged. In so doing we are arranging a beautiful symphony. It is our everyday contribution, rehearsal of THE GOODNESS OF HUMANITY, that develops the glory of the symphony of life.

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24—Thurs.	**Fun Night—San Francisco - Lincoln High Gym.**
25—Fri.	**Talent Night—Alameda Chapel, 8:00 p. m.**
26—Sat.	**M Men and Gleaner Dinner Dance—Berkeley**
27—Sun.	**M Men and Gleaner Tstimonial—Oakland Ward, 8:00 p. m.**
29—Tues.	Stake Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaner Election, Diamond Chapel
30—Wed.	B Y U Band—Richmond Auditorium.

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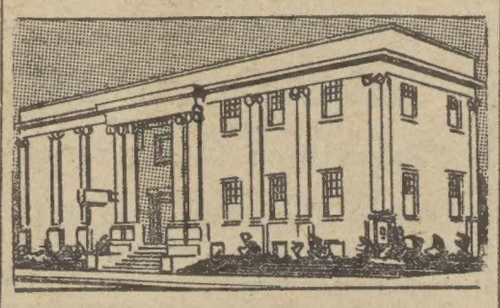

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21 Mon.	7:00 pm	Stake Presidency and Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee.
	7:45 pm	Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
27 Sun.	7:45 pm	High Council visits to all wards.
	2:30 pm	Stake Sunday school monthly preperation meeting.
28 Mon.	7:30 pm	Stake MIA leadership meeting.

S. F. Stake Social Calendar

MARCH 1955

4 Fri.	Stake Music Festival
5 Sat.	Jr. M Men — Jr. Gleaner Snow Trip.
11 Fri.	Explorer - Miamaid Rose Prom
12 Sat.	Six Stake MIA Convention at Oakland
18 Fri.	San Francisco Ward Host to Stake Party.
20 - 27	M-Men and Gleaner Week.

Balboa Ward

You Will Never Have Greater Dominion Than Over Yourself

By Gideon E. Marquardt

Bishops Message:

Our reading has introduced us to a wise old man. May we pass on to you the inspirational thought he gave to us:

"You will never have a greater or lesser dominion than that over yourself".

Truly this should be made our watchword. Latter-day Saints must, without fail, prove to their God that they are the rulers of their own souls; else how can they expect to be worthy of the help of God in teaching salvation to others?

In our lives and preaching we must be firm and steadfast to this ideal of self-mastery; it is the foundation of the Gospel theme; real glory springs from the conquest of self.

God cannot tolerate in his Kingdom, a man who makes no effort to become king in his own temple of flesh.

The salvation of man is dependent on his living by the word of God and attaining self-mastery. "Who then is free"? The wise man who can govern himself.

—Bishop Willard B. Barton

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February 6th, 1955, Major General William F. Dean spoke to one of the largest audiences in our chapel. His talk was inspiring. He gave his autograph to many a youngster to cherish.

We are proud of the improvement of our ward teaching: in January 1955 we had 50 percent of our members visited. Keep up the good work; let's make it 100 percent. Thanks again brethren. Fast Sunday, February 6th, 1955, we were very happy to have six children blessed and also eight new members confirmed. Welcome to the new members and may they grow in faith in the gospel.

One of your young couples was married Friday, February 18th by Bishop Willard B. Barton: Barbara Sabin and Preston C. Hoarsley. Acting as the best man was Rich Hoarsley and the matron of honor was Carol Redford. Also, Tove Sondergaard and Richard Maurer were married February 14th 1955 in the Salt Lake Temple. The best of wishes from their many friends in the Ward.

Our Sunday evening services, March 6, will be under the direction of the Relief Society, a special anniversary program.

The Primary have worked hard on the drive for the Childrens' Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The 3rd quorom of elders under the direction of Reid Lundstrom are hard on work on the new Stake directory. They hope to have it finished by the middle of March.

It makes no difference, young or old ,as long as you are over 12) each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. sharp the feeling should be Mutual.

On March 24th 1955 Balboa Ward will have a movie night for the benefit of our building fund. We invite you and all your friends to come, donations will be welcome.

The Joy, Blessing and Thrills of Service In The Lord's Kingdom

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stake, his warning about joining the church only to participate in the welfare program, and that "trying to get something for nothing is one of our great hurdles."

"We are blessed in that the Lord expects us to work for what we get. The blessing of work was one of the great designs of our Creator. May the Lord guard uo against ever-learning but never-understanding."

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

Sunset

Samoan Reunion Has Food-Fun-Friendship

By Oreti E. Aaron

A night in Samoa was the theme of a very enjoyable evening, recently, at Sunset Ward of the people from Samoa, their many friends, invited guests and former missionaries of the Samoan Mission, more than 75 in all. Impressive were the testimonies spoken humbly, in the native tongue, and with native singing. Impressive and dignified also, the ava ceremony in which honored guests were recognized in regular Samoan hospitality.

A big event of the evening, as is the native custom, was the banquet served in island style on the floor, with taro, boiled green bananas, fish, salads, Poi, cake, roasted pork and turkey.

Following the dinner a regular native fiafia entertainment was provided by Brother T'eo family and thororughly nejoyed.

Sponsors of the party included John Kenison and family, and Eti T'eo and family.

Former Missionaries

Former missionaries present were: C. W. Ried of San Francisco, Lloyd Johnson, of Berkeley, Howard G. Hacking from Vallejo, and H. J. Ritchie of the Sunset Ward in San Francisco.

Special guests were Presidents Murray and Allred and their wives, and all the bishops of San Francisco stake.

Congratulations to George Willian Aaron, Jr., who was ordained a teacher on his 14th birthday, February 6.

Chaplain Mortensen of Fort Ord will be the speaker for the evening service March 13 . . . The Relief Society will be in charge of the evening meeting Sunday, March 27.

Beginning March 6, testimony meetings will be conducted at regular Sacrament meeting time, 5 p.m. . . . On February 13, the adult Aaronic priesthood presented a worthwhile spiritual service in which each of the senior members participated by speaking, administering the sacrament, conducting the singing, and giving the prayers.

San Rafael

Shipwreck Dance Set To Host S. F. Stake

By Joyce K. Cowley

San Rafael Ward will be host to the stake on April 29, for a "shipwreck" dance. Everyone comes just as he imagines he will be if and when the ship goes down. This should prove very interesting!

We now have two full-time missionaries laboring in our ward district. Elder Clegg from Provo, Utah, and Elder Kemmeyer, from Ogden, Utah. We welcome these fine young men into our ward.

At the annual "Meet me at Mutual" evening, held January 25, in the San Rafael Ward. A skit was presented by members of the various classes. Included in the cast were: Geraldine Partiridge, Richard Pexton, Cherry Evans, Max Bergquist, Tom and Norma Fallows, Richard Jones, Carol Wilcox, Suzanne Swan and Van Cannan. An excellent quartet, accompanied by Lorraine Evans, provided the musical background for the skit. A dance and refreshments followed.

Elayne Reid has been released as ward choir director to take over the drama department of the MIA. The choir, now under the direction of Albert Fallows, is working hard in preparation for the stake musical festival which will be presented March 4.

The Mutual-sponsored "Sweetheart Ball", held Friday, February 11, was well attended.

Ever Heard of Group Piano Instruction? Well, Neither Had We!

Have you ever heard of an "easy to-learn" yet thorough course of group-piano instruction for children and adults?

Frankly, we hadn't either until Phyllis Lund Beaulieu (daughter of the late Prof. Tony Lund, former leader of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir who pioneered the Tabernacle radio broadcasts) phoned us from San Francisco.

It seems that Prof. Reid developed and published this group and private piano instruction course while a professor of music at the Brigham Young University and the LDS McCune School of Music. The Kohler & Chase people sponsor the course and provide the studio and practice pianos at their S. F. store. Phyllis's ad tells about it in this Messenger.

We suppose it "works." The pictures of the class in action, each child at his own practice piano, look impressive. At least Phyllis and Ivy say "we know it is fool proof. We can and do guaarntee results." They appear to back it up with an offer of four free lessons so one can make up one's own mind. And they say it's much less expensive, yet gives a "thorough music foundation."

We phoned Jean Lauper about Phyllis and Irv. She praised them as artists and said she had known children that had taken the course and all concerned were very well pleased.

Pleasant Hill

Bishop Urges Step-up Of Building Program

By Dora Friedrich

"The next few months are the important months in our building program. It is easy to let the project drag so that the finishing burden is placed on a few while the dedication is long delayed.

"Let us all be united in our determination to do all we can for the next few months. Let us give extra evenings and long Saturdays to see our building speedily and properly finished.

Speaking of "building, 'n funds, 'n things like that," Wally Scott tells me that so far approximately $1000 has been realized through "Scotts Toyland". Congratulations to Wally and lovely wife Geneve.

Looks as though Lela Kaufman is just going to have to take a trip —to use that new gift, a piece of luggage presented at a luncheon following her release from the Relief Society presidency.

A special program will commemorate Founder's Day for the Relief Society, Sunday evening, March 6. Several numbers will be given by the Singing Mothers with Evelyn Tueller as director.

Our Evelyn Tueller was the prettiest director at the recent stake music festival at conference, and one of the most capable. We were proud of you, Evie.

Welcome to new members by baptism: Sandra Jean Harrison and June Muriel Deitrick.

Our Cub Pack 240 held a Blue and Gold banquet February 21 for members of nine dens, their mothers and fathers. Leaders of this pack are Grant Hepworth, cubmaster, and DeMar McKinnon, assistant cubmaster.

The boys in Scout Troop 211 were awarded a blue ribbon for their woodworking demonstration at the recent area-wide scouting exposition.

Full of enthusiasm about their wonderful three-day "Father and Son outing, Feb. 18-20, at Bar-49 ranch were Chad and Lenn White; Ed and Dick Carlson; Vince and Tom Dell Ergo; Paul, Steve and Stan Corbridge; Lin and Alan Buskirk; Joe Jr., and Steve Hilton; Orvil and Michael Gray; Bud and Jim Peacock; Virgil and Paul Swenson; Les Swayze, Mike Ahlstrom, Jim and Keith Phillips, Ray Levesque, Dick Beachell, Steinar Pederson, Don and Bobby Cleveland and Tony Clark.

High Priests

Don Bennion, Ray Blied Wesley Taft Benson, Bishop Egan Introduced

By Stanley S. Gibb

The February Quorum Meeting of the Palo Alto Stake High Priests boasts an attendance of 61 percent.

President Ray T. Lindsay reported Brother Carroll, aged 94, still in the hospital, but doing well. New group leaders were announced: Clive Davis for the new San Carlos Ward and Paul Fife for San Mateo. A letter of thanks for the Christmas gift was read from Brother and Sister Oscar Christenson, Oslo, Norway missionaries.

New members of the Quorum were introduced as follows: Lund H. Johnson outined briefly the activities of Don Bennion in his introduction. Brother Bennion was ordained a High Priest by Apostle Callis in 1944 in the Oakland Stake. He attended the A.C. at Logan, and George Washington University, Washington D.C. where he obtained his law degree. A sportsman, student and athlete, Brother Bennion has been stake MIA superintendent, Scout leader and Aaronic priesthood advisor in the Oakland Stake. He presently is MIA superintendent in the Palo Alto Ward.

Ray Blied Introduced

Ray Blied, San Mateo Second Ward, was introduced by Wendell B. Christenson. A native of Portland, Oregon. Brother Blied was active in choir singing in the Presbyterian Church there before conversion to Mormonism. His real testimony comes from a blessing at the hands of President Joseph F. Smith at a Phoenix, Arizona conference. Brother Blied is a paperhanger and painter by trade, being self-employed. He sings bass in the ward choir, teaches the high priests group in his ward, and enjoys photography as a hobby.

Wesley Taft Benson was presented by Claude B. Lindsay. Wesley is the youngest grandson of the first Ezra Taft Benson in the quorum of Twelve. He was ordained a high priest by Ray T. Lindsay. Brother Benson lived in the San Francisco Stake before moving to Atherton. He fulfilled a mission in the Eastern States and served as Sunday school superintendent and on the high council in San Francisco Stake. He did much to promote an LDS Institute at Stanford. He holds a BS degree from the Utah AC and is presently a certified public accountant with offices in San Francisco. He is a musician, and an Eagle Scout. Is chairman of the finance committee of the San Francisco Kiwanis Club.

Bishop Lyle Benson Egan, whose mother is a cousin of Ezra Taft Benson, the apostle, was presented by Fred Croshaw, both from the Los Altos Ward. He was ordained a high priest November 30, 1952 when he was made bishop of the Los Altos Ward. Bishop Egan is a plumbing contractor, and an ambitious builder, as evidenced by the good work on the Los Altos Ward Chapel. Bishop Egan gets time for a game of golf occasionally, enjoys singing in their ward choir, and generally is a very busy man.

BYU Notes

Bob Knighton, Oak. Represents BYU at Speech Conference

Bob Knighton, a BYU student at Provo, Utah, was one of 16 students who participated in the annual Rocky Mountain speech conference at Denver University, Feb. 17, 18. The competitive meet included debate, oratory and extempore speaking. . . .

Dr. Harvey Fletcher, dean of the BYU College of Physical and Engineering Science will soon visit the California Institute of Technology and also the University of Washington on a special assignment sponsored by the N. Y. University . . .

A $1,500,000 BYU Family Life Building will soon be erected, unique among all universities for placing all family and home studies together. It will house the College of Family Living.

Palo Alto Stake

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Stake Priesthood Meeting Calendar Largest on Record, Says Pres. Haight

By Stanley S. Gibb

With a total of 233 priesthood members at the February stake priesthood meeting, President David B. Haight smilingly announced it to be the largest attendance on record. And the reason—evidence of greater priesthood activity, and a sure-fire evening's program each second Saturday night of the month.

President Haight reported that the 1954 Welfare budget was met 100 percent by the stake and that the 1955 requirements will be 25-30 percent higher because of reavier demands. High priests at this meeting were there 62 percent strong.

The January ward teaching activity is very gratifying: 82 percent for the stake; San Bruno, 91 percent, Burlingame, 94 percent; San Mateo Second, 87 percent; San Carlos, 94 percent; Menlo Park, 89 percent and Los Altos 82 percent.

Former Burlingame Ward Bishop Melvin P. Pickering was the evening's speaker, discussing the seminary work from his viewpoint as a teacher of one of the stake groups. A special feature of the evening was the showing of the new film "Come Back, My Son".

President Haight reports no priesthood meeting will be held in March because of the proximity of the stake conference, February 26 and 27th.

The Palo Alto Stake MIA was very proud of the ward road show presentations this year, and the greatest number of participants, about 300. The theme was "The Good Old American Way."

At the special "Holiday Party and Dance" for the Bee-Hive girls and the young men 12-14 in age there were 260 young people dancing in the ballroom at the San Mateo Ward.

The fashion show for all of the young girls of the stake was a glamorous afternoon, enjoyed by both the mothers and daughters. "Meg" Pulley did the very profession job of commentating and Dawn Mills furnished the background music.

Each ward had a most outstanding Gold and Green ball in late January where they presented the 18 year old girls, with their proud fathers as acting escorts.

Stake Gold and Green Ball

Members of Palo Alto Stake and their friends, upwards of 2500 in all, participated Saturday, February 19, in the Gold and Green ball of balls at the Bay Meadows Club House in San Mateo.

This presentation ball gave an opportunity for 40 of the "Debs" of this year to descend the stairs from the balcony and be met by their escorts for their dance. Lloyd Wilson, as master-of-ceremonies introduced the following young landies: San Bruno Ward: Nancy Birkiland, Sharon Rae Clawson, Glorea De Lang, Grace Johnson, Claudia Lawrence, Jeanette Senger. Burlingame Ward: Lynette Arnason, Barbara Bond, Laura Cannon, Janet Courtney, Daisy Flenniken, Connie Griggs, Norlene Lloyd, Jo Ada Peterson, Julie Tait. San Mateo Second Ward: Diane Bentley, Barbara Bevan, Joyce Gibbons, Cramin Loader, Carol Ottley.

San Carlos Ward: Mary Jones, Sandra McCabe, Patricia Proctor, Carol Rehbock, Carol Sanders, Sherry Stevens. (Redwood City Ward—none)

Menlo Park Ward: Judy Jaques, Marjorie Nielson, Gloria Sealund, Alyane Thurston.

Palo Alto Ward: Annette Johnson, Kay White.

Los Altos Ward: Wanda Cole Boyle, Phoebe Brockway, Jane Christensen, Carol Croshaw, Evelyn Foss, Donna Paine, Patricia Slattery.

Congratulations to George Holdaway, superintendent and Peggy Cresta, president and the boards and committees of the state MIA for such an outstanding and successful social affair.

January 1955 percentages of attendance at the Sunday Schools in the stake is reported as follows: San Bruno, 35 percent, Burlingame 33 percent; San Mateo, 37 percent; San Mateo Second, 39 percent; Redwood City, 33 percent; San Carlos, no report; Menlo Park, 7 percent; Palo Alto 42 percent; Los Altos, 42 percent.

Since division of the Palo Alto Stake on November 30, 1952 to create the then new San Jose Stake, Palo Alto membership has increased to the point that instead of the original five wards, the tenth was organized Sunday, February 20.

In an action by President David B. Haight and his counselors, Sidney V. Badger and Richard B. Sonne, Los Altos Ward was divided to form the new Sunnyvale Ward. Heading the new ward unit will be Elder Louis B. Ward, Bishop and Wilbur Wright and Harold Judd Counselors, with Rex Larson, statistical, and George Crosby, financial clerk.

Reorganization of the Los Altos Ward bishopric was also a matter of business at this meeting. being

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PALO ALTO STAKE

Some Palo Alto Stake Relief Societies Made Up of Young Mothers

"Some of our ward Relief Societies are made up almost entirely of young women in their twenties", said Pres. Violet B. Smith of the Palo Alto Stake Relief Society Board. "We feel greatly blessed to have this young vigor and intelligence in our growing societies. It is inspiring to work with these young women and to see their testimonies grow through participation in this great organization."

"In fact, Palo Alto Stake is blessed with exceptional talent in our women, young and old", added Mrs. Smith. "Our growth in stake membership is tremendous, giving us three new wards in the past year. These new ward societies are now enjoying as large or even larger attendance than in the undivided wards prior to the divisions."

Sister Smith pointed out that a widening of the society's program in recent years has followed the trend towards more education for women. While formerly the activities of the ladies was largely devoted to sewing and to social service, now a well rounded educational program has been added, somewhat equivalent to college work in each fied of study.

Compassionate Service

"However," added Mrs. Smith, "compassionate service still is on top of the list, followed, I think, with help given the bishops in raising funds for buildings, welfare, and for work preparing dinners and keeping the chapel in order."

"Our special emphasis this year as suggested by Pres. Haight is to reach more of our women with the program by creating a greater interest through better programs of study and work," explained Sister Smith.

Pres. Smith has been interested in Relief Society work for over 25 years either as an officer or a visiting teacher. She served as a counselor in Elmhurst Ward, Oakland; after moving to Los Altos she served as ward R. S. president, and then in May 1954, was sustained as stake president. She attended high school in her home town of Ferron, Utah, followed by training at the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City.

San Bruno Ward

San Mateo Council Boy Scouts Confer Silver Beaver Honors

The San Mateo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America conferred the Silver Beaver scouting honors and emblem upon LDS Bishop Thomas James Curtis in February 1955.

This unusual recognition of service to Scouting and to community welfare is the highest award that a Council may give. Very few are ever conferred in any one year.

Printed in the illustrated official program folder of the event is found the following statement regarding the devoted efforts of Bishop Curtis:

"This recipient of the Silver Beaver award has been recognized for his devoted efforts in behalf of his church and his keen interest in youth activities. This member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints served as missionary in Germany from 1935 to 1937. His record of dedication to the work of his church culminated in his appointment as bishop of the new San Bruno Ward in April, 1954. Since 1925, as a Boy Scout in Salt Lake City, his Scouting leadership has included tenure as Troop Committeeman, Scoutmaster and Institutional Representative both in Utah and California. His service and influence has extended far beyond his local area."

Silver Beaver Honors Conferred by Council Upon Bishop Curtis

Indicative of Bishop Curtis' enthusiasm in Scout work is the program now being implemented in the San Bruno Ward.

Explorers

Under the leadership of Harold Blaser, Explorer Scouts are organizing a basketball team. A 20-mile trip down the Sacramento River under the supervision of Brother Parry Leavitt, Regional director of water safety for the American Red Cross, in January was first of a series.

Boy Scouts

Charter for ward troop No. 250 has just been received. John Lahaderne is Scoutmaster, and Frank Passerella, assistant Scoutmaster.

Trail Blazers & Cubs

The eleven year old group is led by experienced Scouter Howard Gardner. San Bruno's own Cub Pack is now in process of organization under the leadership of Easter Logan. Dens are being planned in San Bruno, South San Francisco, ad the Coastside Branch.

All advisors and the Aaronic Priesthood secretary are members of the Scout Committee and are taking a training course conducted by the Palo Alto Stake Scout Committee.

Pres. and Mrs David McKay Met at S. F. Airport

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of the old LDS hymn, "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet."

The President and Mrs. McKay were at their best, happy, hale and hearty, smiling, reparteeing, hand clasping, chatting for half an hour as the welcoming saints crowded about them on the landing field, walked with them into the sumptuous airport buildings, and followed them down to the auto parking area and waved them a farewell as they drove off with President and Mrs. Gardner to spend the night at the Northern California Mission home.

"I had no idea so many of you good folks would be here to greet us. Why, don't you know what time it is—it's past ten o'clock," laughingly commented Pres. McKay as he first reached for the hands extended up towards him while descending from the big airliner that had flown from Tokyo, picking them up at Honolulu three hours behind scheduled time.

"You know", he continued, still laughing, "it makes me feel like crying to think how good and kind all you busy stake presidents and your wives have been to come to see us at this late hour." And as he said this, tears welled in his sparkling brown eyes.

Wearing no hat, with a grand crown of dense white hair gracing his large head and ruddy face, the President was the personification of joyous, vibrant, intelligent manhood at its very best. He seemed to enjoy the whole affair as though it were the first part of a voyage rather than the ending of a rugged six weeks tour of 45,000 miles by plane, boat and auto, countless receptions, conferences and council meetings.

Mrs. McKay was the charming feminine counterpart to the gracious President and stood or walked at his side with both poise and a beaming motherly countenance. She seemed to greet each individual as a well-known friend, easy and kindly, so that all felt free to chat a bit with her as the crowd filed past. She held in her arms a kola bear, conceivably a gift to her from admirers in New Zealand or Australia.

The children, Coleen, Annette, Jane and Jimmy, of the S.F. Stake Mission President, James W. Challis and Mrs. Challis, were greeted by the President who stood and then walked with them while the press photographers clicked their flashing cameras.

The plane was due to arrive at 7 p.m. The notice of change to 10:30 p.m. was flashed by cable before noon. Many who had planned to join the reception throng were compelled to cancel their plans.

Although the hour was late, the united sentiment of all seemed to be: the half hour spent in the presence of the man of God yielded such riches of spiritual wealth that everyone was grateful for the privilege of spending a few moments with such a heaven-like personality.

Editor Henry Smith Tells S. F. Arrival Pres. McKay's Party

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gratitude."

Plane Late

President McKay's plane from Honolulu was more than three hours late arriving in San Francisco. It had been held up at Guam for minor engine repairs, making the president and his party late on their departure from the Hawaiian Islands Monday morning.

"We have not had one minute's sickness," the Church leader said in response to a query concerning his health and wellbeing. "Though we are tired, all are well and thankful for the blessings of health we have enjoyed."

Concerning his tour which took him to the Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan, Tahitian, New Zealand and Austrialian missions of the Church, President McKay said, "Prospects of these missions are most encouraging. The improvements since 1921, when I made my first visit to these missions on a world tour, are so marked I could harly accept them as a fact".

School Progress

President McKay said he was most encouraged over the progress the Church schools in these Pacific missions were making. "But as great as are their accomplishments, they must continue on a program of expansion," he said. In this regard he noted particularly the accomplishment in Hamilton, New Zealand, where a Church college is under construction.

"Though we had studied the plans and blueprints at Church headquarters, I was not prepared for what I found in Hamilton," he said. "I was greatly impressed with what they are accomplishing there, and much of the work on the many buildings is by volunteer labor of the members." He told of arriving at a rock quarry where they were crushing rock for use in the building and found the men at work at 6 a.m.

President McKay was most impressed with the outstanding reception he and his party received from the political and civil authorities of the islands and countries visited. Withoue exception they were most cordial and attentive.

Wonderful Receptions

"I wish the whole membership of the Church could have followed us wherever we went," he said. "The Church members in these islands and in Australia were wonderful. The chiefs and leaders of tribes and other political officials were most cordial in their welcomes."

Making some comparisons with his current trip and the first journey 34 years ago to these Pacific missions, President McKay said the evidences of growth in population were most apparent everywhere, but particularly in New Zealand and Australia. He was especialy impressed with modernization of these lands.

So. Pacific Temple

"But the greatest growth I observed in these 34 years was the growth in the Church," he said. "I was particularly impressed with the missionaries and the leadership given by the mission presidents wherever we went. They are accomplisheding a great work."

In Austrialia and New Zealand, President McKay had counseled the members of the Church not to leave their homes to go to the "land of Zion where the temples are located." He advised them that a temple would be built nearer them.

On his arrival in San Francisco, President McKay indicated that a decision on the location of such a Pacific temple would likely be made after his meeting with the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve.

San Carlos Ward's New and First Bishopric: Left to Right
Alvin Gentry, 1st counselor; Clifford Warner, clerk; Bishop Claude Stevens; P. G. Taylor, clerk; Keith Merrill, 2nd counselor

Redwood Ward's New Bishopric: Left to Right:
W. S. Durrant, 1st counselor; Bishop William R. Callister; William D. Brew, 2nd counselor; standing: A. Kay Voyce and Dean Brunson, clerks.

Women's Clubs Began Late in the 1860's Relief Society 1842

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fifth anniversary called a general convention of clubs to meet in March, 1889. Action followed, and in April, 1890, the first meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held in New York.

Sixty-three delegates attended from seventeen states. Maine was the first state to form a state federation of women's clubs, with Utah and Iowa following in 1893. Not until 1900 did California women complete their state federation.

In 1912 the nature of the work attempted by the General Federation is indicated by its various committees. Education, art, literature, library extension, household economics, ,civic, civil service reform, forestry, indutsrial and child labor, legislative, pure food and reciprocity.

Other organizations of women were many at the time, such as the Women's Sufferage and temperance groups, the WCTU. While these other organizations "represented each a single cause, the Federation representes the sum and soul of all causes, the home and society."

The first women's suffrage convention was held in 1848 at Seneca, Falls, New York, but such organizations have been discontinued since their objective has been achieved.

The first National Christian Temperance Union (NTCU) was formed in 1874 in Cleveland, Ohio, and is still active in city, state unions, as well as the national organization.

Women's Clubs Activities

The Berkeley Women's City Club of over 3000 members is an excellent example of the better present day clubs. For 1955 they welcome members to join any of the following sections: art and music appreciation, chapel, bridge, garden, merry-makers, social service, starlighters, sub-debs, swimming and writers. Special lectures, and artists programs are also offered.

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—Malachi 3:1.

Great Things Always Start Small

The Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints observes its 113th birthday March 17. It began with 18 members in 1842, in one society; now its membership is approximately 160,000 in over 3500 societies around the globe.

Its program in the beginning was necessarily simple. Today that program includes courses of study in social science, literature and theology in addition to home economics and care of the needy. The singing mothers choruses and work on welfare budgets add further cultural and practical activities.

Editorial

Not only lifting up the hands that hang down, and strengthening the feeble knees, but also lifting up the whole personality of its membership and their home life into a fulness of vision, culture and practical achievement—that has become the work and the glory of the Latter-day Saint Relief Society in 1955.

When one thumbs through the lessons outlined in the monthly Relief Society Magazine, and compares their wide scope and varied rich fields of activities with the small Relief Societies as we saw them in the wards of the Church in our youth, one is left to wonder and marvel.

Truly great things have come from small beginnings.

We salute and admire the noblest and oldest continuous womens' organization in the world, the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Founded by a Prophet of God, manifestly its course leads directly into personal, family and kingdom eternal life of cultured spiritual power.

A GREAT LEADER HOME AGAIN

(Editorial, Deseret News, February 14, 1955)

A prayer of thanksgiving will be uttered in many, many homes tonight. Thanks that countless other prayers offered during the past six weeks have been answered in the return of President and Mrs. McKay, safe and in good health. We are grateful.

It is truly a remarkable thing that this great man and his wife, together with President Franklin J. Murdock, could have traveled over 45,000 miles of trackless ocean, dodging typhoons and hurricanes, eating strange food, spending their energy prodigiously in meeting with people of all stations, all without accident or ill effect of any kind.

What was the trip all about? It was first of all, of course, to build the Church, to strengthen and bless its people. It was to spread goodwill and respect for this Church as well as this nation—and what a great ambassador of good will, what a noble representative of America, President McKay has become!

What was accomplished? A humble, leprous woman in Fiji was comforted and blessed by the power of the Priesthood. Princes and heads of state were brought in contact with Mormonism at its best. The building of chapels was stimulated, a temple for the missions of the western Pacific was projected. Congregations were organized and strengthened. The Gospel was preached; the people were blessed.

President McKay at this moment has visited every mission of the Church save the Japanese—the only man in the Church to have done so. He is the only Church President who has visited the missions west of Hawaii. He has traveled more than 156,000 miles to and from foreign missions as President and Apostle, a distance equivalent to six trips around the earth at the equator. In all his travels he has been marvelously blessed in health and safety.

Many times in the past six weeks, we are sure, President McKay and his wife have heard the greeting "Aloha." They know its deep meaning of love and joy. We, and thousands upon thousands of others, say it to them again. Aloha—Welcome Home!

San Francisco Ward

Ward Sweetheart Ball Thrills Large Crowd

By Phillis Bingham

Friday, February 11, was the date of the San Francisco Ward's Sweetheart Ball. The hall was beautifully decorated and added much to the occasion. A special Valentine cake and cookies along with lemon-pineapple punch were the refreshments. The music of Paul Law's orchestra helped make the evening a very enjoyable one.

Richard Farr, our Sunday School Superintendent and, his wife, Gayle have moved back to their home in Ogden, Utah. Taking his place is Dean Gray with counselors Gordon Paxman and Harold Sutherland.

Mary Shaw is the new Junior Sunday School Coordinator.

Welcome to new members of the Church this month: Joseph Piserchia, Veda Hazel, Cynthia Bateman, Nancy Ellen West, Spencer Roy West, and Lydia K. Henkel.

Another of four young men received his call into the Armed Service—Jordon Glew, son of the Kenneth Glews, left on the 4th of February for Fort Ord.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

Very soon it will be fifty golden years that Rosine Farnsworth has been the wife of Bishop Lester Farnsworth and all those deeply rewarding years she has been a member of the Relief Society.

"Why, I can't even remember when my testimony began," she reflects. "I seem to have always known."

Her gentle courage and deep faith have been a guide, not only to her fourteen children but to all the people who have ever known her. The following cherished memory she passes on to us for our enrichment:

During the summer of 1018, she and her husband were living in Colonia Garcia, Mexico. It was the rainy season. Every day, with monotonous regularity the storm beat down over the fields and roof tops in measured abundance and human schedules were planned to accord with natures certain behavior.

Rosine was serving on the Primary Stake Board, so when Primary day came, even though she was ill due to pregnancy, she took her little ones by the hand and went to the meeting house. Sitting at the side of the room with other mothers she watched the children dance and play, for on this particular day there were no classes. It was sociability day.

She was intent on watching her little son Grant, age six, who was teaching his younger sister, Leona to dance. She was not yet two, so he was holding her by the hand. Everyone was gay, having fun.

Vivid Lightning

Suddenly there was a vivd flash of lightning, the bolt streaking down the chimney toward the children. "I saw a ball of brilliant, bright light about the size of my two doubled fists, travel down and just over little Grant' head. It seemed to stop and then abruptly burst into thousands of tiny iridescent balls of shining light. I shall never forget the amazing color and beauty of that sight. Everything was dark for a moment and then I was aware of people running and screaming outside the building. I was alone and my two little children were both lying on the floor. I rushed over to gather Grant's lifeless little body on my lap and a neighbor carried Leona, unconscious, to our house. My husband came home and soon the house was full of people trying to help, but I could only thing of one thing. In Mexico there is a law that bodies must be buried within twenty four hours after death. I knew it would rain the next day and I couldn't endure the thought of burying our little boy in a watery grave. I wanted desperately to be alone to pray, but there were people everywhere in the house—so I stole quietly away to an outside building where I knelt to talk with my Heavenly Father."

" I felt alright about God taking my little one, if He needed him. Grant's going had been beautiful, he had never tasted of death—but I asked God to please stop the rain, if it were His will, so that our boy wouldn't have to be buried in a rain drenched grave."

"When I arose, my heart was filled with calmness and peace. I returned to the house and my dear ones. Little Leona had recovered consciousness and sustained no permanent injuries. A partial paralysis was completely gone in about two weeks."

"The following day dawned warm and gloriously bright. There were no clouds to be seen all the day. We held Grant's funeral in the afternoon and placed his little body in the warm, soft earth. Later in the evening I stood at my doorway looking out over the cemetery and I saw the clouds beginning to gather once more, but no rain fell until after dark. God had restrained the elements in answer to my prayer."

BRETHREN and SISTERS

Do you remember the story of Jacob in the Old Testament? It is a very interesting account of a man's covenant with the Lord.

Jacob was the second son of Issac and Rebekah. He bought the birthright from his older brother Esau and acquired the blessing intended for Esau by deceiving Issac. Jacob would have received the blessing in some good way, but he and his mother evidently did not trust the promises of the Lord, and they obtained the blessing and with it much trouble and sorrow.

Jacob was on his way back to his father's house during one of the troublesome times in his life, and stopped to rest. During the night he had a dream in which he saw a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven and the angels of the Lord ascended and descended on it. The Lord stood above it and after announcing himself to Jacob promised him that the "land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to they seed."

When Jacob awoke he made a pilar out of the stones on which he had laid his head and then he made a vow with his Heavenly Father:

"If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: and this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the TENTH unto thee."

The Lord did bless Jacob, although he had much sorrow to contend with. His very fine son, Joseph in whom he delighted, was sold into Egypt, but later became a power for good in the lives of his brethren and through his seed came great men and women and great nations.

Jacob promised the Lord a "tithe". This meant ten percent of his possessions, not any more or any less. If we say we pay a "tithe". and we do not pay a tenth, then we are only making a donation, not paying tithing, and we therefore cannot hold the Lord to promises He has made to those who pay "tithing".

The Lord delights to honor and bless you, dear Brethren and Sisters, but He can only do so as you give Him the opportunities.

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder

Genealogy Ways And Means

By Mary Lou Harline

Have you received an answer to the letters you have written about your genealogy problems? If you have and have followed them up with more letters and more searching, you are doing a fine work in seeking out your dead. If you have not received answers to your letters, check the following items to see if you can improve your letters for the next mailing.

1. Do you make it convenient for your correspondent to answer you?

Did you enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope? A trip to the post office for a stamp may be just the obstacle that keeps you from your answer. Did you include a pedigree chart or family group sheet? This is not always advisable, but may help to make your problem more clear when you are writing to a relative and asking for much data—such as birth and baptism dates of the children. Have you tried a questionaire form of letter—leaving space for the answers immediately after your questions?

2. Does your correspondent know what you want?

Did you state your problem clearly: do you know what you are looking for? Don't assume that yours is the only family bearing your surname and that everyone with that name is related to you. You need more than a family name to identify your problem. Be sure to state a full name, a date and a location to put your ancestor in his proper niche, and your correspondent may be able to pull the data you need from his file. Very few people have the time to copy down all the data they have gathered in years of searching, but will be glad to answer a few questions, concisely and courtesously worded.

3. Did you have something to offer your correspondent?

We should never except something for nothing. Will you pay fees, can you exchange data, could you do some searching for him. Perhaps you can offer friendship—an interesting exchange of letters may be all that an elderly relative would ask in exchange for information about the family.

4. Have you done all you can do yourself?

Don't ask someone else to do the searching and copying that you can do yourself, if you but took the time.

5. Did you send the letter to the right place?

When looking for data from official records, did it go to the right department—to the County Court House, to the County Recorder's office, to the State Department of Health, to the National Archieves. Do you have the right county for the time in which you are searching? Are the records in storage somewhere else? Did you use good judgement in choosing to whom to write?

6. Did you give up too soon?

Perhaps you should write again to the same person. Restate your problem, send a copy of your letter with second request written on it, remind them that you are still interested in answers to the questions you wrote before, ask fewer questions.

Any one of these may be the magic formula. One successful writer uses a series of three post cards as reminders, the last one being a humorous "Have you forgotten me?" He gets answers to most of his letters.

Not all genealogists live in a room bounded by family histories, vital statistics, pedigree charts and letter writing. Today, many people who are seeking out their ancestors are also working 40 hours a week at a job, taking care of a home and children, doing church work — so give them another chance. (While this applies to the other person, don't let these be your excuses for not accepting your responsibility to your dead.

Remember what Nephi said, "I will go and do things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3:7)

But also remember what the Lord told Oliver Cowery. Behold you have understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you have not understood; you have you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me. But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind . . (D&C 9:7-8)

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Hebrew 3:12:

"Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God, but exhort one another.

"For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."

BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

MARCH 1955

3 Thurs. 7:30 pm MIA Family Night—Berkeley.
12 Sat. MIA Institute for MIA and Priesthood Leaders, Oakland Chapel.
5 Sat. 8:00 pm Young People's Dances—Claremont Ward.
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18 Fri. Gold and Green Balls: Concord, Richmond, Berkeley Chapels.
21 Mon. 7:30 pm MIA Leadership meeting—Martinez Chapel.
22 - 29 M Men and Gleaner Girls week.

MARCH 1955—MEETINGS

4 Fri. 1:00 pm Relief Society Union Meeting, Berkeley Chapel.
6 Sun. Relief Society program in each ward: commemorating the 113th anniversary of the Society.
11 Fri. 7:30 pm Aaronic Priesthood Award Night. Berkeley Chapel.

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Walnut Creek

Ward Aims for Chapel Completion by Aug.

By Verna M. Mayfield

This month presents the drive for the necessary funds and manpower to complete the chapel by the first of August. Letters, together with a report of the status of the new chapel, were mailed to new and old members.

All organizations, too, have been helpful. Together with the Pleasant Hill ward, alternate Saturdays, hot lunches have been prepared for the workmen on the site. We do feel proud of our 400 families in the two wards.

Gilbert Smith, replaces Brother Fjellstrom as Mutual president. Brother Smith has been in the Mutual for several years in Utah.

Among the increasing number of people moving into the area, the stake missionaries are out in full force to spread the Gospel to all those who are willing to accept the truth. We all wish to help these men in their labors.

One of the recent new-comers into our ward resulted from uniting of the Erekson family. The children have been here for more than a year, living with the Kenneth Everett family, while their mother, Lenora Erekson, was recouperating from a serious illness.

To the families of Groesbeck, Jensen, Pardini, Smith, White and Wright, we also wish to extend a heart felt welcome.

Vom Dorps Celebrate Their Silver Wedding

A large crowd of friends from Concord, Martinez and Rodeo gathered at the home of Hattie and Werner Vom Dorp in Martinez Ward, on Valentine's day to wish them well on their silver wedding anniversary. Among the guests were two members of the original bridal party, Genieva Wanlass and Margaret Lot of Rodeo. Their gift was a lovely silver gravy boat, and the nice beautiful wedding cake made for them by Brother Gilmore Hughes of Pittsburg Ward.

Both the Vom Dorps were born in Germany. Hattie's mother, Sister Niebuhr (presently visiting in Martinez) joined the Church in Germany and migrated to Salt Lake City when Hattie was nine weeks old. Werner came here as a young man. He was converted and baptised in 1928 and was among the first members of the Martinez Branch.

Four Youths Receive Eagle Scout Pins

Four Latter-day Saint young men of Berkeley received the coveted Eagle Scout pins and honors at a 40th anniversary court of honor Sunday evening, February 6, in the Berkeley LDS chapel, Vine and Walnut Street.

Presiding and officiating were Judge Bray and Raymond L. Knight of the Mt. Diablo Scout Council.

The boys who with their respective fathers and mothers stood to receive the pins (one for each young man and one for each mother) were Richard Jensen, Neil Larsen, Richard Johnson, and Tom Hopkins. Tom also rendered a flute solo.

FOR PLEASANT HILL NEWS

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Rich. R. S. Program Like College Courses Says President Irene Ranker

Pres. Irene Ranker of the Berkeley Stake Relief Society began her Relief Society work in Washington D.C. in 1926 at which time she served as secretary. For several years Mutual Improvement Assn, work engaged her attention. However, she has served at times as Relief Society teacher, ward counselor, stake board member and since August 1954, as stake president. Dr. and Mrs. Ranker have a daughter at home, one married daughter and one son, Emery Jr., an M.D.

Dietetics was a special interest and study of Sister Ranker at college. In this field she secured a B. S. degree from the University of Utah and did graduate work at the Washington University, St. Louis, while Dr. Ranker was pursuing his studies for the Ph.D. degree there.

The Relief Society program is so enriching, say Mrs. Ranker, that if pursued diligently it will bring to one the equivalent of college courses in the fields covered. Welfare work is very important, also, and perhaps takes more hours of work than any other one field of the society's activity.

The 1954 welfare project called for making work pants, on our power sewing machine at the Welfare Center in El Cerrito. So successful was this project that it was assigned to our stake again for 1955. Work is now progressing under Sister Haddock, counselor to Sister Ranker.

The ward societies are fully staffed, except a minor change here and there, reported Sister Ranker, and are carrying out the program as outlined. Home visiting, if not always completed 100 per cent, is aimed at that figure, and reaches its goal rather closely month by month.

GEN. Wm. F. DEAN, and BOY SCOUTS

Gen. Wm. F. Dean Attends Boy Scout Meeting

Gen. William F. Dean and Scoutmaster Keith Griffith and part of Troop 92 at National Scout Week meeting in Balboa Ward, Sunday, February 6 to celebrate National Scout Week.

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Wedding Bells

Oakland Stake

E. Wm. (Bill) Jackson, son of A. Gifford and Verna Bell Jackson, will be married to Audrey King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. King of Mesa Arizona, March 8 in the Arizona temple. President Arwell L. Pearce officiating. Bill has been taking a pre-medical course at tre B. Y. U.

Hayward:

A wedding reception was held at Hayward Chapel, February 11 for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bohn, formerly Sheryl White) who were married in the Salt Lake Temple, February 7.

Oakland Second:

A wedding reception was held at the Institute of Religion in Berkeley for Mr. and Mrs. Jared Yates Heywood (formerly Gloria Jacobs) February 11, who had marriage rites solemnized in the Mesa Temple, February 4.

San Leandro

Mrs. Maxine Martin has announced the engagement of her daughter, Roberta White to Russ McBride, son of Basil and Helen McBride. The wedding is planned or the late summer.

San Francisco Ward

Verona Peterson as married to Meron Alvord on the eighth of February in the Salt Lake City temple. Upon their return to San Francisco they will make their home in the Sunset Ward. Verona was the Junior Sunday school coordinator while in this ward.

Births

Hayward:

Donna and Allan Davidson are the proud parents of a girl, born January 3. Hello, little Ann Louise.

Dr. Keyne and Gerry Monson have added Douglas Kirkham born January 26 to their family.

Alameda:

To Wallace and Nile Seavers, a girl.

San Leandro:

A baby shower was given for LaFaye Painter at the home of Pauline Ewald. Faye is a teacher in the Primary.

San Rafael

Bishop Weston Roe and his wife, Pauline, have a new baby girl, Eldene, born January 3. A baby son was born December 16 to Bette Rae and Clair Wilcox.

Berkeley Second:

Reed and Maria Storey have a baby boy.

Barbara Hulme has a baby girl, born Sunday, February 20.

Walnut Creek:

A girl for Sister Renae White was born in Febraary. Sister White is a member of the Primary teaching staff.

Obituaries

Martinez Ward:

Alvin W. Korth, brother of Leslie Korth and Mrs. Bessie Duke of Martinez and father of Mrs. Luella Hermansen of Concord passed away recently in Gerlach, Nevada where he had been residing for the past two years. Bishop Evenson conducted the services at the Bruncher and Connolly Chapel and burial was in Memory Gardens.

San Francisco Ward

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Sister Emma Schuchardt who passed away on the 12th of February. She had been very active in the church in the Primary and Sunday school and was at one time a stake home missionary. Her passing will be mourned by all who knew her.

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Berkeley Stake (See Also Page Three)

STAKE CONFERENCE SETS NUMEROUS 1st RECORDS BESIDES TOP ATTENDANCE

The Berkeley Stake Conference, February 11-12, broke all Berkeley Conference attendance records (1447) and heard music from the largest group of singing mothers and also from the largest combined choir in the history of the stake. This conference was also first in that Elder Marke E. Petersen of the Council of Twelve paid his first visit to the Stake. Moreover the first change to occur in the stake presidency also saw Wayne E. Mayhew released and Delbert H. Rock appointed counsellor to Pres. Harmon.

Visiting the conference, besides Elder Petersen, were two former presidents of stakes, Eugene Hilton of Oakland and David Smith of Idaho Falls. Elder Hilton is now a patriarch in Oakland Stake, and Elder Smith has recently been released as president of the Idaho Falls Temple. Another visitor was Elder Lorin F. Jones, recently released from an eleven-year service as president of the Spanish-American Mission. He is now serving as patriarch in the El Paso Stake with a special call to give blessings to the Spanish speaking saints.

Calvin Wood, son of Don C. and Annetta Wood of Claremont Ward, and recently honorably released from the Spanish-American Mission, reported his mission briefly. Heard also at the conference, besides the apostle and the stake presidency, was Delbert H. Rock, sustained as second counselor to Pres. Harmon; Marjorie Pyle on home evenings; Helen C. Cram, Jodine Wood, Thomas Call, Brother and Sister Melvin Parsons and Brother and Sister John W. Henricksen.

The later two couples spoke of their experience of being recently reactivated in church service.

Elder David Smith and Sister Smith had been visiting their married daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Wilkman (Mrs. Wells B. Wilkman) of Walnut Creek Ward. Elder Lorin F. Jones and Sister Jones were visiting Stockton and Berkeley relatives, among them being Fred E. Huish and J. Ed Johnson of Berkeley Ward. Elder Smith is owner of an auto agency and a Hereford stock ranch in Idaho and is also executive director of radio and TV station KID in Idaho Falls.

Music for the Saturday evening priesthood meeting was furnished by a male quartet from Concord Ward: Vaughn Wassom, Emil Malonberg Chester Shurtleff and Bert Harley.

Two members of the stake high council were released; Lloyd Johnson and Delbert H. Rock, and two new high councilmen appointed; Ira I. Somers and Grant B. Show. Nathan Tolman was released from the stake high priests presidency and Lloyd Johnson sustained a member of that presidency. Elder Tolman has been called into the stake mission.

Saturday evening at 6:30 Elder Petersen conducted a chalk-talk on ways and means for quorums to bring inactive members into activity. At 8 p.m. the wives of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood members joined their husbands in the largest priesthood meeting ever held in the stake and heard the apostle speak on love in the home.

Sunday's sessions were held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday evening the stake music committee presented a music festival, featuring a large combined ward choir and an address by Elder Petersen. Leading the choir in sections of the musical program were ward choristers Harry Oaks, Pittsburg; Evelyn Tueler, Pleasant Hill; F. Curtis Millward, Claremont; and Richard W. Owens, Berkeley Second; and also stake chorister Nico D. Snel Jr. Grace Boyack was organist throughout the conference while Elder Snel accompanied some numbers at the piano. A Golden Gleaner presentation honoring Mrs. Kay Raynor was conducted by Mrs. Flora Sears and Mrs. Irene Ranker.

Elder Petersen spoke to the theme, The Fatherhood of God, in the Sunday morning session of the conference. In the afternoon sermon his text was, Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God in which the thought was stressed that to love the Lord with all one's hearts is to say that we keep all his commandments in spirit and in truth and with full devotion even unto death.

The doctrine of the Fatherhood of God, though clearly and repeatedly taught in scripture, is not understood by the world at large; but no Latter-day Saint need to wonder at the truth that God is a person and is the actual Father of our spirits. While all the beasts, fish, fowl and all vegetation are the workmanship of God, man is the literal offspring of God. Man is not of the race of any of the animals but of the Gods and destined to become perfect as God. Like begets like, and God has given us the family and marriage for time and eternity so that we might project the family into the presence of God from whence we came. But we must be married in God's way, just as truly as we must be baptised in his way. Then men and women can launch out into enternity.

Seeking the Kingdom of God first was the principle guiding Joseph Smith when he went as a lamb to the slaughter rather than desert the saints or fail in his mission. To be a Latter-day Saint is to love the Lord with all one's heart, might and mind.

Pres. Harmon and Pres. Ranker paid high tribute to the valuable and unselfish service of Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew in the last eight years in the stake presidency. Elder Petersen advised that we all become as devoted in our offices and callings as Pres. Mayhew has been in his. Sister Mayhew was given great praise for her concurrent services as wife of a member of the stake presidency and as stake president of the Relief Society. From this position of president she has recently been released, and Irene Ranker sustained

Berkeley Second

Final Drive Comes For Primary Hospital Penney-a-Year Gift

Ferril Macomber's brother and sister were recent visitors.

Garma Walton, wife of Wendel K. Walton is staying with Wendel's parents awaiting Wendel's return from the Army in the latter part of March. Wendel and Garma intend to remain in Berkeley. Wendel is planning to attend San Francisco State College.

Ann Franz has been in the hospital for an appendectomy.

Congratulations to Oscar Jesperson for winning the American Legion Speakers award.

James A. and Etta Mower of El Cerrito left February 8 on a projected six-week tour of Mxico. Driving for a conducted tour to scenic points in the area. Afterwards they will fly back to their car and thence drive to Utah where they will visit ther relatives before returning to Berkeley.

The Mowers sold their luncheon store on Shattuck Square which they had operated for eight years.

Earl and Roxy Peterson have sold their Oaks Variety Store, 1889 Solano Ave., Berkeley, effective in late February after eight years ownership.

Sister Kay Baer says that up to February 21 less money had been given for the Childrens' Primary Hospital this year than last year. Giving a penny for every year of one's life helps some sick or crippled child to regain his health.

The Welfare potluck dinner Sat., Feb. 26 in the chapel was a great success.

The second ward's share of the down payment for the Stake welfare farm is $3500.00.

A new class for M Men and Gleaner Girls is to start soon, under the leadership of Sister Pearl Green.

Berkeley Ward's joint annual Gold and Green Ball will be held March 18 in the Berkeley Chapel. Doug. Pimental's orchestra will play.

The John Harmons had their sons and their families here from Utah recently.

Milton and Nita Noe traveled down to Puente to bless their daughter, Milet's baby girl. A former Berkeley member, David Moss, also helped in the ceremony.

Earl will continue as salesman and consultant for buriel lots for the Sunset Cemetery, giving full-time service hereafter to that work.

The Petersons are rejoicing in being free from the confinement of store keeping. They plan to attend General Conference in April, a pleasure they have not been able to enjoy for many years.

Berkeley First

Geo. Sorensen's Team Wins Church Finals Basketball Tournament

George Sorensen, son of Lon and Ann Sorenson, formerly active in ward affairs but now coach of the winning basketball team of Provo 13th Ward, again went to the All-Church finals. Last year they came off third. Vocationally speaking George is agricutural technician at the Geneva Steel Mills near Provo, Utah. . . .

Visiting in Berkeley with old friends Sunday, February 6, were Mr. and Mrs. Desla S. Bennion of Oregon, formerly president of the Northwest States Mission; and Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, judge of the U. S. Customs Court, formerly of Ogden, now of New York. Elder Wilson earned a law degree from the U. C. Law School in 1919. During his residence in Berkeley at that time he served as superintendent of the local branch Sunday School then meeting in old Porter Hall, Oakland. J. Ed Johnson was a fellow student of Judge Wilson's in high school and college days. Mrs. Wilson is a sister to Fred Huish.

Rodeo Ward

Stake Farm Film Shown At Fireside Meeting

By Una Ellsworth

The Fireside group met one evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ogden, who live at Montalvin Manor, Harold Berg showed colored slide pictures of stake farm near Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stewart and family have moved to San Jose where Leo was transfered by the Ford Motor Co., Richmond. Having been very active members, we will miss them much. Mrs. Stewart was president of the E Sobrante Primary class. Ruth Horn was sustained in her place. Leo was clerk for the Sunday school and has been succeeded by Clyde Redmon.

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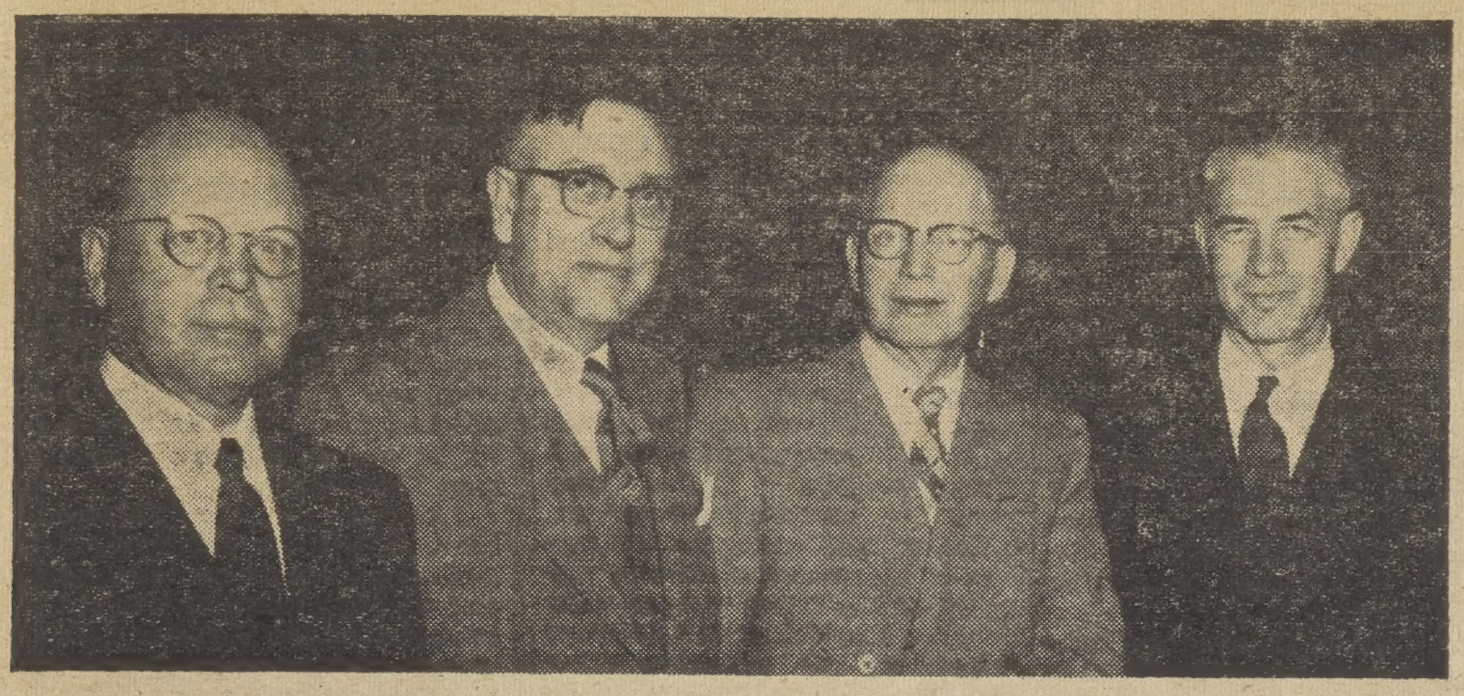

Shown above are the new Berkeley Stake presidency standing with Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of Twelve at the stake conference, Feruary 13, 1955. Left to right, Emery R. Ranker, first counselor, W. Glenn Harmon, president, Delbert H. Rock, second counselor, and Elder Petersen. Wayne E. Mayhew was released with a hearty vote of thanks as first counselor.
—Photo by Pyle Photography, Berkeley

Berkeley Stake Primary Report

WARD	Number L. D. S. In Ward	Number L. D. S. Enrolled	Average Attendance
Berkeley 1st	80	66	56
Berkeley 2nd	146	111	87
Claremont	60	50	34
Concord	278	132	88
East Richmond	103	67	47
El Sobrante, neighborhood	62	42	32
Martinez	79	62	36
Orinda (Branch)	23	23	16
Pittsburg	128	73	54
Pleasant Hill	147	92	63
Richmond	137	66	48
Rodeo	24	17	12
Walnut Creek	133	84	66
TOTALS	1400	885	639

63.2 per cent of number in Stake is Enrolled
72.4 per cent of number enrolled attend.

Concord

R. S. Social Evening Featured Mrs. Ranker Talk on Whole Wheat

The Relief Society social evening for last month featured Sister Ranker's informative talk on the practical used and economy of whole wheat. Fifty women were in attendance. Sister Ranker gave out whole wheat recipes and provided delicious whole wheat refreshments. The meetting was held at the home of Sister Alice Hanson, 167 Fair Oaks Drive. This month's social evening, February 28, should prove an interesting one with Mrs. Mary Williams of the Extension showing how to select different cuts of meat, the various cost and food value of each. This will be held at the home of Dorothy Gautier, 2300 Holbrook Drive at 7:30 p.m.

The genealogy group has been holding weekly work meetings to acquaint beginners with various methods of searching out information. These meetings have been held at the home of Brother Clark Fails. He is instructor. We were honored on the night of February 10, with Sister Harline as our guest speaker and helper. We have been delightfully informed that Sister Harline will be a regular once a month feature.

Mia-Matic night was a "terrific" success for the Mutual with Kent Barber furnishing a dandy Mia Maticmobile which served as the only prop for a wonderfull skit. We have a great talent in our Kent. His helper is Ken Peterson.

Boy Scout court of honor, held February 11, in Mt. Diablo High School auditorium featured our own Gordon Peterson, Eagle Scout, as narrator. Eagle awards were presented to Jay Terry and Norman Lacey, gentleman Scouter, both of Concord Ward. Victor Linblad, Chief Scout Executive, gave the boys a talk and Bishop Markham offered benediction.

We wish to welcome former Dimond Ward member, Jarman R. Hunt, Jr., who recently returned from 18 month duty in Korea.

The ward Gold and Green Ball will be held March 18, at Concord Elementary School, with the Concord Ward Debonaires furnishing the music.

On Saturday, February 12, Elder Mark E. Peterson, Pres. Harmon, Mayhew and Ranker and Brother Rock spent the afternoon viewing the inspiring progress of our new chapel. Our ward auxiliaries have been very faithful in providing Saturday lunches for the men.

S. F. Stake Music Festival Offers Finest Entertainment

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the high council and ward bishoprics.

It was a "Fantasy in Gold and Green"—a life-size princess and prince, and a boy prince holding a gold bird, all silhouetted in black against a background of deep green, in royal welcome to the guests.

Snow Trip to Dodge Ridge Planned

Jr. M Men and Gleaners are sponsoring a second snow srip to Dodge Ridge on March 5. All are invited. In charge of arrangments are Carmen Tuttle and Frank Heiss.

Rose Prom Theme Announced

"Lullaby of Spring" is the theme for the Rose Prom on March 11. With soaring enthusiasm of the Explorers and Mia Maids, promise of an outstanding floor show, and the use of many flowers and musical notes.

May 6 is a date to remember. "The Vigil," a thre-act drama sponsored by the Stake MIA will be presented by a carefully screened cast under the direction of Stake Drama Director Connie Fairbanks.

Stake MIA leaders are alerted to the annual MIA Institute on March 12 for the six stakes in the area, conducted by members of the General Board in Salt Lake City.

Honeymooners on the MIA stake board are Secretary Myron B. Alvord of Balboa ward with his bride, the former Verona Peterson; and Richard Maurer of Balboa ward, stake dance manager, whose marriage to Tove Sondergaard was performed in the Salt Lake Temple on February 14.

Martinez Ward

Grant Shaw Moves to Stake High Council

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Grant Shaw, formerly first counselor to Bishop Evenson, has recently become a member of the tsake high council. Wayne Holden is now first counselor and Eldon Puckett, second counselor. Andy (Casey) Easton will take Edon's place as ward clerk.

John Hendickson is our new missionary district president. Douglas Jeppsen is the new music director of the Martinez Mutual and Mrs. Esther Ellis is a new teacher in Primary.

On the 10th, each Primary teacher presented her class with valentine treat. The children brought valentines to be sent to Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. The officers and teachers of the Primary made two rag rugs for the Children's Hospital bazaar which will be held during conference, this spring.

Eighteen Martinez Ward Boy Scouts and Explorers and three adults had a wonderful time on a snow trip at Camp Bray,sleeping out in the snow.

Births

A son, Douglas Eldon, was born to the Eldon Pucketts recently in Martinez.

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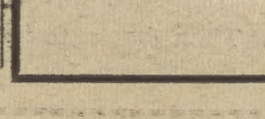

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WAYNE E. MAYHEW

Pres. Wayne Mayhew Grew Up on Utah Farm

President Wayne E. Mayhew, recently released as first counselor to President W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley Stake, spent his early boyhood on a farm in Duchesne County, Utah. When he was fifteen he went to Provo to attend B. Y. U high school, and except for a few months service in the army during World War I, he remained at B. Y. U. until his graduation in 1923. That same summer he began work as a public accountant for a Salt Lake firm.

In 1926 he opened his own office in Ogden, Utah. He moved to California in 1937 where he first practiced in Oakland and three years later moved his office to San Francisco. By July '54 the Wayne Mayhew Company had offices in five states and was merged with Touche, Niven, Bailey and Smart. A large national firm where President Mayhew now heads the Wayne Mayhew Managements Service Division.

President Mayhew has specialized in accounting for food processors and cooperatives and is widely known for his work in those fields. He has authored several manuals which are used in industry and as teaching guides. His articles have appeared in professional and trade journals and he has contributed chapters to cost accounting texts.

Always Active

He has always been active in LDS church organizations. When he first began his practice in Ogden he became first counsellor in the Ogden Stake Sunday school superintendent and later was a counselor on the Mount Ogden Stake Y. M. M. I. A. board and then a member of the high council of the same stake. On coming to Oakland he was appointed to the Oakland Stake high council and remained in that position until the stake was divided and he was sustained as first counselor to President Harmon.

A little known thing about Pres-
Mayhew is that
ident Mayhew is that he has always enjoyed teaching. While at B. Y. U. he was an instructor in bookkeeping.

Later in Ogden he conducted a class in accounting for the National Institute of Bankers and taught at Weber College for several years until his professional duties did not leave him time for regular teaching. However, now a part of his professional time is spent supervising special schools for management and specialized accountants on particular accounting problems.

Married Vera Mayhew

President Mayhew was married to Vera Hinckley in the Salt Lake Temple in 1923. They are the parents of four children and are now enjoying the rewards of grandparenthood with their seven grandchildren.

It is said that once a farmer always a farmer at heart and President Mayhew is no exception. His hobby is ranching and the rare leisure he can manage is spent on his ranch in the Napa Valley where he enjoys working for its development and takes pleasure riding his Arabian horses. This hobby proved of benefit to the church in the recent acquisition of a stake farm where his experince was a valuable guide.

Mrs David O. McKay's Dignity, Graciousness Delight Local Saints

By Jean Lauper

The big Pan American plane drew to a stop at the San Francisco Airport and the sizable crowd of church members who had come to welcome President McKay and his party pressed forward to greet them. With photographers' flash blubs brightening the scene, first Sister McKay and then the President came through the door, genuinely surprised and pleased as they saw the people. Someone started to softly sing "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet" and it was taken up by everyone. Then they were down in the crowd shaking hands.

I have seen many pictures of Sister McKay—with her husband, and family; as Utahs' Mother of the Year, receiving many distinctions and taken in many places—but I was not prepared for her gentle dignity and graciousness. After the many weeks of travel, and with a long flight just completed, she seemed as rested and at ease as she might have been in her own home. Many people crowded near to take her hand, and she, like her husband, had a warm smile and pleasant word for each. She showed us the toy kangaroo given her in New Zealand and being taken home for the grandchildren to enjoy when visiting her. She smiled when someone suggested she stop on the ramp and rest a moment, saying it was not necessary, she was only 77 years old! And she looked so elegant in her smart grey suit and small hat.

Shared Long Lige

Seeing President and Sister McKay together, I reflected on the long and fruitful life they have shared. She must have been home much of the time when her children were young, taking responsibilities his calling kept him from sharing. She has seen him progress from a distinguished educator to the great position of President of of the Church, and she has been able in the past ten years to be at his side as he travelled the world, bringing the authority of Prophet, Seer and Revelator to the many who will never be able to come to church headquarters.

Sister McKay has been greatly blessed in being the wife of so great a man, and as such she is an inspiration to the many women whose husbands work for the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom. She is a blessing to those who know and love her.

Some one behind me remarked, "I'm glad they are back HOME again, on American soil", and I felt this expressed the feeling of the entire crowd. It was good to have them home.

Stake Priesthood Meeting Calendar

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necessary with changing boundaries of the Wards. Counselors Leon R. Miner and Willard D. Smith, to Bishop Lyle B. Egan were released; sustained in their stead were Murray Richardson and Reed Francis. The ward clerks are Ursel R. Embry, statistical, and George P. Starkweather.

President David B. Haight's absence from Quarterly Stake Conference on February 26th and 27th is explained by his being one of four winners in the S. F. area in a General Electric Company nation-wide contest for small business concerns. President and Sister Haight left the San Francisco International Airport on Monday, February 21, arriving that afternoon in New York where they met other members of their party at the Waldorf Astoria hotel. From there they lefa on a 17-day cruise of the Carribbean which takes them to the Virgin Islands, Columbia, South America, Panama, Havana and Nausau. Then back to New York to fly home March 15.

Six Local Agents Beneficial Life Among Top Producers

Two Utahns, well-known on the Pacific Coast, Dr. Leroy J. Robertson, University of Utah music department head, and Avard Fairbanks, University of Utah sculptor and art department chairman, are the only Americans to be given creative rolls in the dedication of a park by the Greek government at famous Thermopylae, where Greeks fought heroically against overwhelming Persian invaders in ancient times.

John Tzounis, Greek consul from San Francisco, conferred Feb. 16 in Salt Lake with composer Robertson who has received a key assignment to write a symphony for the national Greek observance to take place July 3. Dr. Fairbanks statue will stand at Sparta.

Pres. David O. McKay was decorated last year by this same S. F. Greek consul with one of Greece's highest civilian decorations for LDS help to Greece recently.

Popular Prices Prevail For Alexander Schreiner Recital April 17 in S. F.

The American Guild of Organists announces popular prices $1.25 for adults and 90 cents for students, for the engagement of LDS Tabernacle organist Alexander Schreiner in the S. F. Civic Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, April 17. Children's tickets will be 40 cents.

Sherman-Clay will handle sale of tickets, we are informed by the secretary of the recital committee, Dr. R. K. Wakerling of the University of California nuclear laboratory in Berkeley.

Listen! and Hear About Sending Books to England

Ward Forman (Berkeley First) is sending church magazines to a branch he has "adopted" in England, as stated in the February Messenger.

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However, those who feel disposed may send LDS books to President Alvin I. Holton, 6 Edith Terrace, Sunnyfields, Doncaster, York, England. The branch is accumulating a library but is hampered by lack of money. **But don't send books to Ward Forman. Send them direct to Alvin I. Holton in York, England.** Wrap books well in cardboard and take to postoffice.

It Is Confusing!

It was Sunday morning in a men's class in a famous Presbyterian church school.

"Will you please tell me," said a member to the teacher, "how far in actual miles Dan is from Beersheba? All my life I have heard the familiar phrase 'from Dan to Beersheba, but I have never known the distance."

Before the answer could be given, another member arose in the back of the room and inquired:

"Do I understand that Dan and Beersheba are the names of places?"

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An estimated 200 former Aggies of the Utah State Agricultural College, will converge at the Oakand Club, March 19, 7:30 p.m. in Oakland to meet the new prexy, Daryl Chase at a "Back to the AC Nite" sponsored by the East Bay Aggie alumni chapter.

An entirely unique dinner will be served smorgasbord style with almost exclusively Cache Valley grown or processed comestibles,, including USAC-grown smoked turkey, an assortment of cheeses processed on the Logan campus, cider from the USAC cider mill, Bluebird chocolates, and numerous other such items. Center pieces will include copies of the Logan Herald-Journal and USAC Student Life.

Featured speakers will be the new USAC head, President Daryl Chase and LeRoy Blaser, secretary of the Aggie alumni association. Dave Furhiman, Oakland, will emcee the event.

"This is Your Utah State," a new movie, will be shown during the evening, incuding campus scenes, shots of downtown Logan, Bearlake, Logan Canyon, Cache Valley, Sardine Pass in the autumn, the new Union and Agricultural Science buildings, and many other fond scenes familiar to former Utah Staters.

According to East Bay Alumni President, Neil K. Holbrook, Mrs. Violet Christensen will chairman the dinner. Assisting with other preparations are Mary Dunn, David Hume, Ned Clyde, Dale Roe, Wesley Odell, Margaret Thompson, and many others.

Holbrook indicated that dinner costs will be held at a minimum probably $2.00 or less. Reservation may be placed with Mary Dunn, 2727 Renwick, Oakland, (phone KEllog 2-0196) or with any East Bay alumni chapter officer. A committee spokesman pointed out that owing to the large number of reservations already received, those who plan to attend should place their reservations early, even though the reservations must be tentative.

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The members of the San Francisco Salvation Army Band include some able artists under the leadership of Mr. Fred Gibson. Their repertoire is varied and includes solo, duet and trio numbers. A cornet trio is winning special commendation at the present time.

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